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ge eight pence.

Herr Schmidt thought it allayed a lot of fears. The dramatic question of past weeks —would Britain stay in or get

out?—seemed to be a thing of

the past, he said. It would be in the interest of the Com-

munity and of Britain to adopt a positive attitude to the budget problem, and enable

Both Mr Wilson and Mr Cul-

laghan, the Foreign Secretary, had been calm and cooperative

in the discussions, according to German sources. The German

aim of a strengthening of the Community's institutions had

Britain proved much more

forthcoming yesterday than its

stand in recent weeks had led

its partners to expect, on the issues both of majority voting

and of direct elections to the

On the first, Britain was satisfied by the reaffirmation of the validity of the Luxembourg compromise of 1966 which safe-

guards a member country's vital

On the second, Britain did not

want to stand in the way of agreement by its partners to make direct elections operative

by 1980, merely recording its position that it could not be

committed on this point until

The agreement of beads of

government on European re-gional aid, first decided in principle two years ago at the previous Paris summit, is a sub-stantial step forward.

It will benefit not only Italy, which will receive the lion's share of 40 per cent of the total

of £500m, and Ireland, but also Britain, which will obtain 28

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progress without political

will, page 21

renegotiation was completed.

been largely achieved.

European Parliament.

Britain to stay in.

# Mr Wilson wins compromise agreement after clash with French

lers of the European Economic Community but details were delayed by a translation diffiribution to the Community budget. A com-

hed agreement at their summit meeting in culty. Earlier in the day, Britain and France s last night on the vexed question of Britain's clashed sharply on the question, which constitutes an important part of Labour's efforts to nise formula was achieved shortly after 8 pm, renegotiate EEC membership terms.

#### Harsh words over differences on budget

he end of the second day Paris summit, the heads trament and their foreign rs were making a detereffort to hammer out a mise formula for the of the British contributhe Community budget

dent Giscard d'Estaing ed that there was a prob-I that it was at the heart British demand for remembership Rather than acknowledge are of the conference un int, he was prepared to be original timetable to goduce agreement. Elysee spokesman an-

1 at 8.30 pm that this ent had been reached in e, but that there were fficulties in translation glish of the passage of omonique dealing with

wen if the conference fail, it has achieved over the past two days mmunity institutions, on aid, on the battle ecession and unemployd even on energy policy recorded as a worth-ractical working exer-European cooperation, it did not produce the spectacular but shortcisions associated with iress, old-style summits

unfolding of today's pset the pattern agreed r. Instead of lasting two ie morning session on aid and British renegoent on for four-and-aas followed by a workgeon at the Elysee of government alone, at ev tackled the thorny of energy, while the pinisters worked their The final session at the Quai saying at this point: "If that, d'Orsay did not begin until 4.30 Mr President, is the definitive pm, though Herr Schmidt, the wiew of the Community, then West German Chancellor, had insisted yesterday that he wanted to be away by 5 pm.

Energy together with There was in fact general the property of the community of

Energy, together with ritain's budget contribution, proved as expected the hardest nuts for the Nine to crack. On the first point, the conference was moving towards some compromise between French insist-ence on a dialogue of producers and consumers, and American insistence (backed by the other eight Community members) that the consumers should first co-ordinate their position.

France, it seems, would agree to a meeting of consumer countries first-though not to joining the international energy agency—in return for the backagency—in return for the back-ing of its partners for an early tripartite conference of con-sumers, producers, and developing countries, on the lines suggested by M Giscard d'Estaing at his last press conference in October.

The heads of government were also ready to accept that on this basis the French President might meet President Ford at Martinique at the end of this week as the spokesman of the Community on energy.

Until the end of the conference Britain was casting itself in the role of the country hard to please. British sources conplease. British sources con-tinued to speak in terms of eight against one, with France firmly isolated in its opposition to an acceptable formula for revision of Eritain's budget contribu-

tion. Some delegations were at a loss to explain what lay behind the British presentation of this morning's discussion, when the Freuch President stated flatly that it was impossible for that it was impossible for France to accept any formula linking Britain's contribution in

its own planes

during exercise

More than 60 Nato aircraft were "shot

to illustrate the chronic need for stan-dardization of equipment and armaments

that it is a matter for the Home Secretary's prerogative, our Political Stuff writes

French jockeys held

Imprisoned pickets

among Nato nations

recognition that Britain's budgetary contribution might give rise to a problem, but the French delegation and some others continued to insist that this was still a hypothetical question which would be dealt with when it arose.

Other delegations felt that there were grounds for working out a compromise formula at once. Both the Italians and Belgians proposed formulas substantially the same, which the British said were unacceptable but went in the right direction. They involved asking the Conmussion to work out a practical proposal to avert situations which were unacceptable for the economic development of a member country, by involving a transfer of resources which would aggravate its balance of payments difficulties.

It was accepted by all the Nine that this "corrective mechanism" (in the Italian wording) could not apply to that part of the Community's own resources--customs dues and farm levies, which were auto-matic. They could apply only to that portion of a country's share of the Community budget which could properly be regarded as a national contribution, namely the 1 per cent of VAT turned over to it.

Acceptance of this distinction, which had not been made in Paris before, was an important contribution by President Giscard d'Estaing to the search for a compromise-

Mr Wilson this morning repeated the seven points of Britain's renegotiation position final 1980 to the gross domestic pro- contained, in. his Saturday duct. Mr Wilson was guoted as speech to Labour mayors.

Reform of contempt law urged in report

The law of contempt of court contains uncertainties which impede and restrict reasonable freedom of speech", Lord Jus-tice Phillimore's Committee on Contempt of Court says in a report published vesterday.

The law, the most controversial aspect of which is its restriction on press comment about pending civil and criminal court cases, "falls short of the certainty it ought to have", it stares.

The law should be amended to allow as much freedom of speech as is consistent with maintaining the citizen's right to a fair and unimpeded system of justice and protecting the orderly administration of the

But one of the committee's recommendation, that press comment on a pending civil case should be restricted only when it has been set down for trial, is challenged by Mr Robin Day, a member of the cummittee.

In a dissenting note in which he mentions writs issued against newspapers over laud deals in-volving some of Mr Wilson's associates, and The Sunday Times thalidomide case, Mr Day argues that the press should be free to comment on pending civil court cases until one or two weeks before the trial.

The case would then appear in a 'sub judice list" and would be subject to the law of contempt.

Mr Day emphasizes that he agrees with the committee's view that contempt law should be strictly and clearly applied in criminal cases. "I have no wish to see imported into this country . . . the horror of trial by press, television and radio ", he writes.

The report proposes that any conduct intended to pervert or obstruct the course of justice should be dealt with as contempt of court only if the proceedings have not been concluded. Normally, however, it should be dealt with as a criminal offence unless there are compelling reasons for argeacy. Examples of such cases are attempts to bribe or

threaten witnesses or jurors. A publication should be liable under contempt law "only if it creates a risk that the course of will be seriously im peded or prejudiced"...

Major reforms needed, page Leading article, page 17

#### Pound sinks to lowest level ever as confusion mounts over future of oil payments to Arabs By Maurice Coring and

Melvyn Westlake

The pound fell to its lowest level ever yesterday against the world's other major currencies, amid mounting confusion over the future structure of the international oil pricing and payments system.

With the Bank of England stepping into foreign exchange markets to support the pound, intense eleventh-hour diplomatic activity was taking place

ahead of Thursday's gathering of Arab oil ministers. After-wards, sources said that, besides proposals for a new pricing system, the agenda would include the European summit call for a world conference of the main oil produc-ing and consuming nations. The attitudes of both Iran and Saudi Arabia are vital

influences on the new influences on the new year. Since Sunday, one of irritation rather than Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, has been in Saudi Arabia stemming from the Aranco rumours, which have not been confirmed. The phasing out of nced for full cooperation in "recycling" surplus revenues "recycling" surplus revenues back to industrialized countries affected by the fivefold rise in

prices in the past 12

the full nationalization of the Aramco oil consortium in

related to the nationalization talks. The pound slumped over-night in New York after to ensure that tomorrow's meeting in Vienna of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will not produce new strains on the international monetary system. Yesterday, Opec's economic commission met unexpectedly ahead of Thursduy's gathering of Arab oil ministers. Afterfuture schemes to amend present participation deals. present participation deals.

At the end of trading last night, the pound stood at \$2,3240 to show a fall of 1.15 cents. The pound's "effective depreciation" rate against 10 currencies (since December, 1971) worsened from 20.6 to 21 per cent—the

sterling as a currency for oil settlements has been in progress for some months, and Whitehall advisers see no reason for this movement Last night, Saudi Arabian oil reduce the steady inflow negotiators, led by Shaikh Arab money into Lundon.

by the national executive to-

morrow and the moderate camp will strive to revert to a de-

likely to be the subject of

anxious debate at today's meet-

yesterday morning met the

situation and reminded the union of its obligation under

the social contract to observe

The parlous state of the sec al

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miners' negotiators, about the industry's

called "the inertia effect"; the automatic placing of sterl-

Aramco oil consortium in order to concentrate on the Vienna meeting. The Shaikh said he would be seeking to reduce the impact of oil prices, with the objective of a cut.

The sudden deterioration in likely to be clarified until likely to be clarified until after tomorrow's OPEC meeting when methods for a single crude pricing system to rep-lace the present diverse arran-gements, with notional posted

prices, are to be thrashed out.

One of the immediate causes of the decline in sterling has been the sale of currency by on≥ or more American panies, who, it is being suggested, had earlier purchased pounds for forward settlements, but revised the require-

ment to dollars.

Heads of Exxon, Texaco,
Mobil Oil, and Standard Oil of California, attended yesterday's London talks on the nationaliaation of their consortium, Arameo, It was said after the adjournment that there was no impasse and a lot of detailed work needed to be done before an agreement could be con-cluded.

Last night Mr Clifton C. Garvin, the president of Exxon, said that he was unaware of any request by Saudi Arabia that all its future oil receipts should be made in dollars rather than a mixture of sterling and dollars. Mr Garvin told Reuters: "I can honestly say I ant not aware of any such Saudi demand."

#### Miners to press for £30 a week more

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

On the casting vote of Mr y, the union's mand for unspecified "substan-vice-president, tial" increases. Their chances rs yesterday of success were rated last night Michael McGahey, the union's communist leaders turned their backs on the social as not good.
The miners' militant stand is contract and opted for a pay claim that would cost the industry at least £400m. ing of the TUC Economic Com-mittee, whose senior members

That withering snub to the TUC was delivered by the negotiating team of the National Union of Mineworkers a few hours after they had been asked by senior members of the TUC General Council to abide by its guidelines on wage restraint. With two leading moderates absent through illness, Mr Gormley, the national presi-dent, and Mr Len Clarke, Not-

tinghamshire area president, the miners' negotiating committee tied 6—6 on a wages re-solution from the militant Scottish area, which called for immediate consolidation of threshold money into basic rotes and an interim rise of £12.50 a week for all 270,000 miners, backdated to November 1, to be followed by a further £13.10 a week in three months. that would give all pirmen £30 a week more, and cost the industry between £400m and £500m a year, leading to coal price increases of about a third.

Wilbur Mills

Washington, Dec 10 .-- Mr Wilbur Mills, a Democrat from Arkansas, will step down as chairman of the House of Repre-

charman of the house of kepresentatives ways and means committee, Mr Carl Albert, the
Speaker, said today.

Mr Mills, who is 65, has had
unfavourable publicity about his
relationship with Miss Fanne
Foxe, an Argentine stripper. He

was admitted to hospital last week and told Mr Albert that his health prevented him from seeking the chairmanship again. —Reuter.

Leader page, 17 Leiters: On censorship and Uister from Lord Brookeborough and Mr Eric Blott; on Christmas closure of maternity units from Mrs Peter

withdrawal

Mr McGahey, who is president of the Scottish area and the left's chief strategist on the NUM executive, broke the voting deadlock by using his cast ing vote in favour of his own area's militant posture. The claim has still to be endorsed settlements.

860.000-member union most loyal to the Government felt it necessary to remind their negotiators that they should ask for no more than the TUC formula to maintain the value of pay

pay restraint.

packets at their present level.
The GMWU executive expressed concern over forecasts of unemployment and inflation next year, and ordered a detailed report on the prospects for industries where the union has members. In the meantime, Mr David Basnett, its general secretary, will send a circular to negotiators reasserting that negotiations should be based on the social contract. Officials will be advised that the emphasis must be on maintaining earnings and jobs during 1975, rather than winning spectacular money

#### BBC to cut services by tenth in new year By a Staff Reporter

Cuts in television and radio programmes early next year which will save the BBC film a year were announced yesterday. The BBC, facing a £20m deficit in March, says bigger economies will follow if uncertainty over the licence fee continues. The measures are:

Television: Both channels cluse at 11.30 pm Sunday to Thursday. BBC1: Afternoon programmes between 2 pm and 4 pm texcluding schools1 abolished, Monday to Friday. BBC2 : Afternoon programmes abolished on Saturdays in summer contract was underlined yester-day when leaders of the General and Municipal Workers, the 250 000 members of the General and Municipal Workers, the

day to Friday, and from 10 pm to midnight every night. Radio 2 start deferred to 6 ans. Monday to Saturday; close-down advanced to 12.30 am throughout the week. Radio 3 to close at 11.30 each night. Radio 4 to amalgamate with Radio 3 from 12.05 pm to 12.55 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm on Saturdays. The cuts, of about a teuth, will reduce nvertime payments. will reduce overtime payments. The Open University, child-

ren's programmes and the lunchtime programme Pebble Mill at One are safe. There will be no staff redun-dancies at present, but Stuart Henry, Bob Harris, Alan Black and David Simmons, the Radio l disc jockeys, will not have their contracts renewed in the

new year. Tony Brandon will lose his Radio 2 afternoon programme to David Hamilton when Radios 1 and 2 merge

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r Correspondent ec 10

offices of the Pales-eration Organization vere hit by rocket Imost simultaneously sing, causing damage ing two men slightly. ce for Lebanon, the research centre and s of the department occupied homeland, hich are offshoots of All three offices are r populated areas. me pattern was folall three attacks. The described as each a g, were placed in oxes on top of cars with time devices rid al-Solh, the Leban-· Minister, said pre nquiries showed that had been rented by foreigners from car-. The police gave the es as British, Irish, nan and Mexican. ik al-Hout, director of here, blaming the 1 Israel agents, told that the one on the e was in two volleys. rockets went off from smashing glass and urniture in the ground second car with a ox was spotted later park about 70 yards

'es experts checked it to defuse six rockets was imminent. The t the second floor of e causing further but they had been Ir al-Hout said. More than 60 Nato aircraft were "shot down" by their own side in a recent naval exercise because they were using different systems of communication. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton, chairman of the Nato military Committee, told the story to defence ministers in Brussels yesterday to illustrate the chronic used for contern of renting cars wed in April, 1973. riv, Dec 10.—The itary command today sponsibility for the t was speaking only rmed forces. An In-Ministry spokesman only: We have no I can add nothing to Army says,"—AP.

#### leath to buy er yacht

It said yesterday that order a new yacht, in which to compete piral's Cup for Britain

cht, in aluminium be lighter than his ocean racer which in September with I two crew.

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Rhodesia talks hope

Nato 'shot down' The African National Council is optimistic that talks to resolve the Rhodesian settlement problem may soon be resumed—with the aim of finding a fresh starting point for negotiations. Each side had stated its position and it now remained to see where compromise can be made and "where compromise can be made and concessions given" Page 8 Page 8

#### Pensions surprise

A proposed change of investment status for pension funds, enabling them to put their money into building societies on the same basis as other corporate bodies and reclaim tax paid, provided the only element of surprise in the Finance Bill published yesterday. But an immediate flow of pension fund monies into the Pressure to release two jailed pickets is expected to increase with yesterday's announcement that the Prime Minister will meet the TUC tomorrow to discuss the conspiracy laws and their effect on trade unionists. If the TUC presses the specific issue of the pickets Mr Wilson will repeat that it is a matter for the Home Secretary's building societies is not foreseen Page 19

#### An Ethiopian tragedy

Hopes in Ethiopia for liberty and democracy, so high earlier this year, have disappeared under the iron-fisted rule of the military junta. A chance to give the country a popular government appears to have been missed. Failure to solve old problems and the pressure of new ones have increased fears of civil war Page 9 A French horse racing scandal grew yesterday when three jockeys; Jean-Pierre Renard, Jean-Paul Cirabegna and Jean-Pierre Pailipercon, were charged with fixing races. Pierre Costes, a champion Arts Church jockey, was similarly charged on Monday.

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#### Jobs for graduates

Next year is expected to be good for job hunters from universities. Companies have been shown a wary optimism on recruitment despite the economic gloom. The universities' agency predicts that there will be 6,000 vacancies Page 4

Ulster counterfeits: Forged news sheets, ostensibly backing the IRA but in fact condemning them, have been circulated in Roman Carholic areas of Belfast by The Gloucestershire Regiment Special constables: Inquiry into 30,000-

strong force after regular police voice fears on employment 4 Stockholm: Nobel prize for 1970 is pre-

sented to Alexander Soizhemtsyn in ceremony delayed for four years Washington: Oil company executive is im-plicated by Watergate special prosecutor in accusations about illegal election gifts 8

Canterbury appeal: Dr Coggan vesterday launched a £3.5m rescue appeal for Canterbury Cathedral. Motor industry: Mr Wilson was urged yesterday to convene a special conference

to discuss the current crisis Football: Ipswich 1, Norwich 2; Middlesbrough 3, Leicester 0.

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Derby County's Uefa Cup-tie in Yugoslavia.
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#### Pressure to release jailed pickets will increase with Wilson offer to discuss legal issues with TUC

Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Left-wing pressure on the Government to release two Shrewsbury pickets from prison sentences of two and three years is certain to increase after an announcement yesterday that the Prime Minister will meet the TUC tomorrow to discuss the issues involved.

Mr Short, Labour's deputy leader, answering questions in the Commons in Mr Wilson's absence in Paris, said the Prime Minister had agreed to discuss the matter because it was no long sub judice.

Last week the pickets failed to get their case heard by the

In December, 1973, Mr Eric Tomlinson and Mr Dennis Warren, leaders of a "flying column" of 308 pickets during the 1972 building workers' strike, were convicted of conspiracy to from pressure for the Apart from pressure for the

royal prerogative to be exercised to obtain their release. there have been many protests on the use of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act of 1875 in the case. It is clear that the scope of the conspiracy laws will be raised at the meeting.

There were loud Labour cheers as Mr Gwilym Roberts, MP for Cannock, urged Mr Short to remind the Prime Minister of the strong feelings among back-benchers on the government

There was also deep suspicion among Tory MPs, after the Labour Party conference's acceptance of a motion calling for the men's immediate release, that the Government might be

boycott

teachers

by Scottish

Three-day rota strikes by

Scottish teachers, which began

yesterday, are expected to close

secondary schools in Scotland.

But the teachers' boycott on

vet been done, he said. That would be avoided if schools

returned to normal after Christ-

speedy and satisfactory settle-ment of the teachers' wage

claim for £10 a week across the

elected rectors and honorary presidents of the eight Scottish

universities expressed serious

concern and said that pupils might be unable to qualify for

universities next year because of

the militant action by the

education colleges in Scotland are also hit by the rota strikes,

which bring out about a third of

school's teachin gstaff each

day. But because of their time-

table arrangements, most will be

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Primary schools and further

teachers.

A statement by the student-

board, backdated to May 23.

He said that depended on a

to the unions and the party's left policy.
wing which could only damage
He respect for the law.

Mr Cormack, Conservative MP for Staffordshire, South-west, unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate, arguing that important constitutional issues were involved

Mr Short did nothing to relieve the anxiety of Conservative and Liberal MPs when he told Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, that the Prime Minister had agreed to meet the TUC because "these were trade unionists in jail ".

Another Tory backbencher, did not discuss with the TUC the prerogative was a matter matters that were more properly for him alone.

Our Political Staff writes:

Some of the bitter divisions within the Labour Party were displayed when Mr Skinner, MP for Bolsover, asked if Mr Short had read any of the "dull and stereotyped speeches" of Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Before Mr Wilson met the TUC, be suggested it might be advisable to ask first for a clearance certificate from Mr

He was referring to a week-end speech in which the Secre-tary of State described as deplorable the Labour Party conference debate on Clay Cross and the Shrewsbury pickets. Mr Prentice said that some delegates had tried to raise lawbreakers to the status of work-

ing-class heroes. Mr Short, with Mr Prentice sitting beside bim, replied tact-fully that speeches on the party's domestic affairs raised

to endorse the "courageous views" of the Secretary of State. Mr Short preferred to remind the House of Mr Jenkins's statement in November when the Home Secretary had reminded MPs that he could not usurp the courts' functions and should recommend interference with sentences passed by the courts only on the basis of considerations that the courts had not been able to take into

The Prime Minister, he said had made clear from the start that that was entirely a matter Mr Kenneth Lewis, said Mr for the Home Secretary. The Wilson should ensure that he advice that Mr Jenkins gave on

> Government sources were at pains last night to point out that the meeting between Mr Wilson and the TUC would dis cuss the laws of conspiracy and their effects on trade unionists in general terms and not speci-fically on the Shrewsbury picket issue.

> It was stated that if the trade unionists attempted to turn the discussion specifically to the Shrewsbury pickets Mr Wilson would reiterate his view that that was a matter for the Home

Secretary's prerogative. Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, will not be present at the meeting, nor will the Government's law officers.

None the less, it would be surprising if the Shrewsbury

pickets did not enter the discussions as an example of the effects of the conspiracy laws. Parliamentary report, page 10

Mr Rhys Phillips, a postal worker at Mount; Pleasant sorting office, London, yesterday mries to an early-day motion he salvaging and rewrapping broken Christmas and other Birmingham and parcels. (Letter-bomb alert, page 4.)

Internment

primary

obstacle to

A resolution calling for an end to internment in Northern Ireland was presented yesterday, to coincide with International Human Rights Day, to the governments of Great Britain and Verland

ain and Ireland, and to the

United Nations.
The resolution is said to have

been signed by 101,000 people

since November 9. In addition

trade unions, students' and other organizations representing

a further million and a half are

ing resolution:
We are opposed in principle to
the interment of civilians without
trial. We also believe that internment in Northern Ireland, now

three years in operation, is both a continuing cause of violence and

primary obstacle to the success of

peace initiatives. For these reasons, we call for the immediate release of all internees in Northern

At the Commons vesterda:

Mr Paddy Devlin, of the SDLP

the former Minister of Health and Social Services in the

Northern Ireland, who was a member of the delegation pre-senting the resolution to the

British Government, outlined a

programme to end the violence.

The release of internees in phases if necessary, was an in-

tegral part of the package.
Other elements would be the

withdrawal of troops to bar-racks, discussions with commu-nity leaders to secure the policing of areas not now being policing, and the progressive re-lease of long-term prisoners

lease of long-term prisoners,

provided that violence stops and is not resumed. These prisoners

might be paroled after serving two thirds of their sentence, Mr Devlin and other members

of the delegation, including Mr

Andy Barr, president of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Mr John Mulcaby, editor of Hibernia, and Mr C. Desmond Greaves did not claim that the

peace'

By Our Political Staff

#### Commons expected to | Vandalism reject hanging tonight

Mr Jenkins, the Home Secre-

Today's debate will turn on a back-bench early-day motion which has been selected by the government's business managers and "lifted above the line" to serve as the hinge of a test of Commons opinion after the Birmingham bomb ourrages.

The motion reads: That this House, while recognizing that political terrorism requires a reappraisal of established attitudes, is of the opinion that a reintroduction of the death penalty would neither deter terrorists nor increase the safety of the public.

Principal signatories are a group of Labour MPs, Mr Walden, Mr Bates, Mr Sedge-more, Mr Stewart, Mr G. R. Strauss and Mr Whitehead. Mr Strauss is "Father of the Strauss is House and Mr Stewart one of Labour's elder statesmen; and Mr Bates sponsored an early-

Mr Bates sponsored an early-day motion opposing reintroduc-tion of capital punishment that now hears 147 signatures. An amendment to Mr Wal-den's motion has been tabled by Mr Ian Percival, QC, Conserva-tive MP for Southport, and it has attracted strong support for the block of Conservatives who believe that capital punishment must be brought back to curb terrorism in Britain.

The amendment would make the Walden motion read:
That this House is of the opinion that death should be the penalty for acts of terrorism causing death, and calls upon HM Government to introduce at an early date legislation to enable Parliament to give effect to

that opinion.

The measure of Mr Percival's support is the list of 186 signa-

cedure in the Commons will be tary, is generally expected to for the Speaker to call a division carry a decisive majority in the Commons tonight in rejecting carries, then the Walden motion hanging as the penalty for acts will fall. If it fails to carry, then a second division could be called on the substantive motion; and here Mr Percival and his supporters are likely to be influenced by the size of the majority for the motion. The Home Secretary and the Government's business managers

clearly hope the first vote will

be conclusive. Should the "hanging" amend-ment succeed in the first vote, there is no doubt that the Gov-ernment recognizes that it would have to take the weight of parliamentary and public opinion into account in deciding whether legislation to bring back capital punishment should be recon-

Last night another amendment was tabled by Sir Frederic Bennett, Conservative MP for Torbay and a lawyer. He urges the Government to consider invoking "the long established law of treason for acts of terrorism, and if necessary to reenact parts of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Act, 1966. with application to the 1966, with application to the whole of the United Kingdom: 'most particularly section 10b of that Act specifically retaining the death penalty for any murder done in the cause or furtherance of any seditious conspiracy, or of the activities of any association or organiza-tion which is an unlawful association ...

It remain to be seen today whether the Speaker selects Sir Frederic's amendment for a division. But he certainly catches the spirit of the argument in a Conservative backbench committee that hanging must be brought back, if at all, for the whole of the United Kingdom. Mr Whitelaw, former Secretary of State for Northern abolished Ireland, punishment in the province,

## charges dropped to

Edinburgh

Criminal charges against boys alleged to have throwing stones near a rai line before an accident y killed a train driver dropped so that the truth ( be established publicly, to the authorities to prevent lar tragedies. That was a by Mr Ronald King Murray the Lord Advocate, in burgh today.

In a fatal accident in last week into the death John Patrick Conroy, the driver, the jury decided accident occurred becaus overhead insulator had detached from its brack stones thrown by youths a period

In August, when Crown sel considered the police of four boys had been c with malicious mischic stone-throwing. The boy they had been throwing at pigeons, and one said i accidentally hir an ins All denied the charge.

The Lord Advocate sa had the charges been pro with the boys could no been compelled to give es at the inquiry. Any penal might have received probably have been because three had no p convictions and the four been convicted of only a offence.

#### Liberal move exempt edito from union E By Our Political Staff

The proposed Trade and Labour Relations ( ment) Bill and its eff press freedom was to: satisfactory as it ste present, Mr Cyril Smith, spokesman on employme yesterday. Mr Smith issued a st

after meeting Mr Hetherington, editor Guardian, saying that would allow a strict clo-to be created in jou with all the dange

implied.
The greatest herit country has is freedor pression", he said. • no case for endanger freedom by unwise gov

action."
The Liberal Party mitted to defending the of the individual. It that the Eill should exclude editors and the cipal assistants from

Liberals had tabled a n to set up a statutor tribunal, to deal with

#### More disruj threatens Fleet Street

By Our Labour Staff. 5 National newspape face the threat of of a week's grace a the National Graphic ation of plans for action in pursuit t

Association is expec to make a final effor off the disruption v newspaper managem said, might cause sor al newspapers to close Members of the NE

ing Lord Goodman, 5. man, yesterday mer Murray, TUC general and explained the jobs in Fleet Street i action went ahead. I was unable to offer diate solution.
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newspapers publishe don and Manchest the Daily Mirror Mirror and Sunday expected to seek a m leaders of the NGA to is unlikely to have at posals to put to the u from emphasizing potential damage 1

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#### Beach barrier

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#### Examination Ford foremen oppose redundancy plans By Raymond Perman

Labour Staff

Ford foremen decided yesterday to disrupt production if the company proceeds with its redundancy proposals. The company announced last week that it wants to reduce its white-collar staff by 1,750 by early in January.

examinations and preparation The first of three unions infor them is regarded as more volved the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Mr John Pollock, general secretary-designate of the Educational Institute of Scotland, Staffs (ASTMS), which represents 3,500 foremen, met in London yesterday and representatives from all Ford plants rejected the contention that there which has about 42,000 teacher members, said yesterday:
"This is really the ultimate sauction, and obviously there is were genuine grounds for redunconcern not only outside the profession but inside as well." Irreparable damage had not

The two other unions, the Technical and Supervisory Section (Tass) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, representing technical staff, and Union, which represents clerical duction."

staff, are to meet next week. The three unions will meet on January 2 before talking to the

The ASTMS said that it would not oppose voluntary redun-dancy if personal circumstances warranted it, but any attempt by Ford to make redundancy compulsory would be met by retaliatory action. From now, overtime would be worked by foremen only if agreed by the local committee of the union.

Mr Robert McCusker, assistant general secretary of the union, said: "As far as I am concerned there is no redunional accordance of the local concerned the same c

dancy among my members. It is merely an accountancy exercise. If the company tries to go ahead with compulsory redundancies there will be industrial action by all three unions. We represent all the foremen in Transport and General Workers' Ford and could easily stop pro-

#### Youths jailed for killing

manslaughter of Mr Edwin Thorley, a theatrical director, on Hungerford Bridge, London, were jailed by a Central Criminal Court judge yesterday. David Baillie, aged 17, was sentenced to six years and

Two youths found guilt of the

Patrick Donovan, aged 19, to five years. On Monday Robert Donovan, aged 18, was found guilty of murder and was ordered to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure.

#### Girl aged 13 weeps in

A girl, aged 13, who was found battered and blood-stained in a derelict tenement while her companion lay dying in another room wept yester-

in another room wept yesterday in court.

"Joe is coming to get me
and I wake up screaming", she
said in evidence during the
second day of the trial of
Joseph McGinlay, aged 18, at
Glasgow High Court. He
denied that on August 21 or
22 in an empty flat at Grant
Street, Woodside, he murdered
Elizabeth Cassidy, aged 16, of
Ancroft Street, Maryhill. He
was also charged with attempting to murder the girl aged 13
by hitting her on the head with
his fists and a metal fire grate
front. He was found guilty and front. He was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The court was told by Dr Ronald Smith that the girl was within a few minutes of death when she was brought to Glasgow Western Infirmary with a fractured skull and a broken nose. She had to have 95

Police action in turning the girl on to her stomach had stopped her from choking to

bad not returned to school since the attack and sees her doctor regularly. She said: "Sometimes I wake up scream-

#### sought after **Bath explosion**

Detectives investigating a bomb explosion at Bath on Monevening.

stitches in her face.

day night yesterday issued a description of a baby-faced man seen near by. They also said they were looking for a man seen driving a Volkswagen car round the City early in the

# murder trial

The girl said yesterday she

#### 'Baby-face' man | Strike-breaking public houses wrecked by gang

Four Ulster public houses that stayed open during the "loyalist" workers strike in May were wrecked by a gang of masked, cudgel-wielding men. and one owner and his brother were shot dead, the Belfast City Commission was told yesterday.

· Twenty-eight members of the gang, some of them said to be members of Protestant paramilitary organizations, pleaded guilty to forcing the public houses to close and causing malicious damage, which the prosecution put at more than £8,000. One admitted wounding one of the men killed. Another pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the gang. They will all be sentenced later this week. Another man who denied the

charges was kept in custody The prosecution said the gang went to Ballymena, co Antrim, on the night of May 24 intent on closing public houses that stayed open during the strike. The plan had been drawn up by members of the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force earlier that

#### Gloucesters produce forged news sheets to confuse IRA supporters From Robert Fisk

Belfast

The IRA in Beliast has found to its astonishment that cleverly forged copies of Provisional weekly news sheets, ostensibly weekly news sneets, oscension, supporting but in fact condemning the IRA, have been circulated in Roman Catholic districts. Several local people in the Falls have claimed that the broadsheets, which also contain run-of-the-mill IRA propaganda, have been pushed through their letterboxes by soldiers of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment

The military authorities are believed to have satisfied themselves that soldiers of The Gloucestershire Regiment, which left the province last week after a four-month tour of duty, produced the documents in an amateur attempt at

"black propaganda". Some controversy is understood to have occurred at army headquarters at Lisburn, co Amrim, about the forgeries. Army officers appear to be at a loss, however, to explain other pamphlets which Sinn Fein leaders are receiving in the post from Britain.

Headed, "Thinking of joining the IRA?" they are set out in the style of an army recruiting poster but bear a photograph of a member of the Fianna (junior IRA), apparently walking in the Falls Road during an Easter parade. The text outwardly extols the merits of the Provisionals but concludes that they are murderers. Copies of the document have been sent to several women in Sinn Fein, in-cluding Mrs Maire Drumm, vice-president of the movement. Mrs Drumm's letter was posted in

So far two editions of the IRA newspapers, duplicated on coloured paper, are known to have been forged. One is an eight-page broadsheet known as The Vindicator, which is produced in west Belfast; the other is Nation, which is published Falls. Issue 26 bears the usual masthead and a quotation by Parnell, "Let no man attempt to set bounds to the onward march of a nation". It says it is "printed and published by Clonnard Sinn Fein", but there the similarity ends.

from British rule and a total withdrawal of her troops" (a standard IRA demand). But it goes on: "We have struggled long and hard and have had many successes. But the days of inflicting major casualties on "the Brits" have passed and we will never again have the

last our voice is being heard in the depths of Westminster", it says. "But now our sight has Irishmen are hunted in their own countries. Why? Because

When the publication appeared, Sinn Fein was asked by its readers why its policies had changed. Indeed, the fake to ruin our efforts."

sectarian murders. The believes that the Army may have been behind those docu-

UCA.

The news sheet says that the IRA's aim is "a total break

under a headline "Slaughter" there is a scathing attack on the IRA and against the Birmingham bombings. "We have fought long and hard for our freedom and we believe that at last our voice is being heard in been put back 300 years and of the bungling amateurs who dare to call themselves members of the IRA.

copy of Nation actually refers to Army posters and says: "Let us not do anything too hastily which could be easily used by the British propaganda machine

Sinn Fein has been convinced since the forgeries appeared that the Army was responsible, especially because of recent suggestions of a link between the military and leaflets, alleg-edly circulated by the "Ulster Cirizens' Army", which named 13 Protestants as those behind ist" Ulster Defence Association

denies any connexion with the The Provisionals are not so

certain who is behind the leaflets received by Sinn Fein members in the post. They suspect a right-wing political movement in Britain, although newspaper says that the photograph of the Fianna member was taken from an army post on the roof of the Falls Road bus depot

In the Falls Road yesterday soldiers discovered a quantity of incendiary devices, almost certainly prepared for use in big stores in Belfast in Christ- arbitrary exclusion a mas week. Wrist watches were

paratively new development by the IRA. Previously detonators captured in Belfast were made by ICI and sold through a Dublin explosives company in the Irish Republic. Award to detainees: Four men,

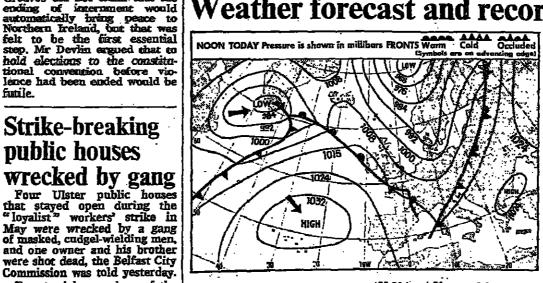
three of them detained in the Maze prison, Long Kesh, have been awarded total damages of £51,000 in the Ulster High claim.
Court against the Ministry of The Defence and the former Northern Ireland Ministry of Home Affairs for alleged illtreatment by the security forces after their arrest on internment day in August, 1971 (the Press Association reports). Mr James Patrick Auld.

Belfast, was awarded £16,000 Mr Michael Joseph Donnelly, of Londonderry, £11,250; Mr Joseph Clarke, of Belfast, £12,500, and Mr Patrick James McNally of Armagh, £11,250. Mr Auld and Mr Donnelly are two of 12 hooded men referred to in the report of the Compton

inquiry into alleged brutality by the security forces.

NOON TODAY

#### Weather forecast and recordings



Today

7.55 am 3.52 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 5.35 am

2.16 pm New Moon: December 13. Eighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.27 am. High water : London Bridge, 11.52 Area forecasts : am, 6.6m (21.8ft). Avonmouth, 5.5 am, 12.2m (39.9ft); 5.30 pm, 12.3m (40.5ft). Dover, 8.59 am, 6.2m (20.5ft); 9.36 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Hull, 3.50 am, 6.8m

Liverpool, 9.15 am, 8.1m (26.7ft); 9.39 pm. 8.1m (26.7ft). A cold, unstable NW airstream

will cover all arens. Later in the day a trough of low pressure may move across Scotland and Northern

London, E, SE, NE, central N and central S England, E Midlands: Sunny periods and scattered showers: wind NW, fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, 5 17 63 Cologne & 6 43 F 6 45 Copenhau c 5 43 1 11 52 Dubda F 5 41 1 1 10 50 Edinburgh 1 4 50 1 4 35 Florance for 10 50 1 11 52 Gibratus F 16 65 1 13 52 Gibratus F 16 65 1 18 46 Heishidt 1 4 50 1 2 56 Juney 1 8 46 1 5 46 Heishidt 1 4 50 2 2 56 Juney 1 8 46 2 2 56 Juney 1 8 46 2 2 56 Juney 1 8 46

Isle of Man, Borders, Scotland, Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy, fairly frequent snow showers with drifting, perhaps longer periods of snow later; wind NW, strong or gade; max temp 2°C (36°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Showers, wintry in many districts, becoming generally cold with night frost.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F): min, 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.6 nr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.9 millibars, steady.

1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

# W Midiands, Channel Islands, NW and SW England, Wales, Lake District: Showers and surmy inter-vals; wind NW, strong or gale; max temp 6°C (43°F).

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#### Inspector Graham Cutting, of Avon and Somerset police, said six people had been questioned but no one had been arrested. The baby-faced man is said to be aged between 18 and 20, 5 ft 5 in tall and slim with shoulder-length mousy hair. He was wearing blue flared jeans and a black-and-white sports jacket. No one was hurt in the explosion, which damaged shops in The Corridor, a shopping arcade. Mr Ray Roberts, assistant city engineer, said he thought a 5lb bomb had probably been placed on a shelf or in a cupboard in the Wessex Record Shop. Forensic scientists and Scotland Vard's bomb sand were land Yard's bomb squad were sifting debris yesterday. Inspec-tor Cutting said the police were not yet sure whether the IRA-

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Metallic Paint	Standard	£290	- £139	
Tinted Glass	Standard	£67	£69	
Alloy Wheels	Standard	£443	_	
Head Restraints	Standard	Standard	Standard	

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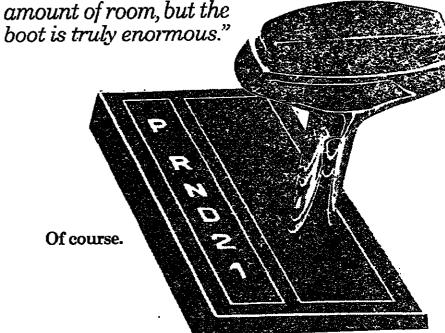
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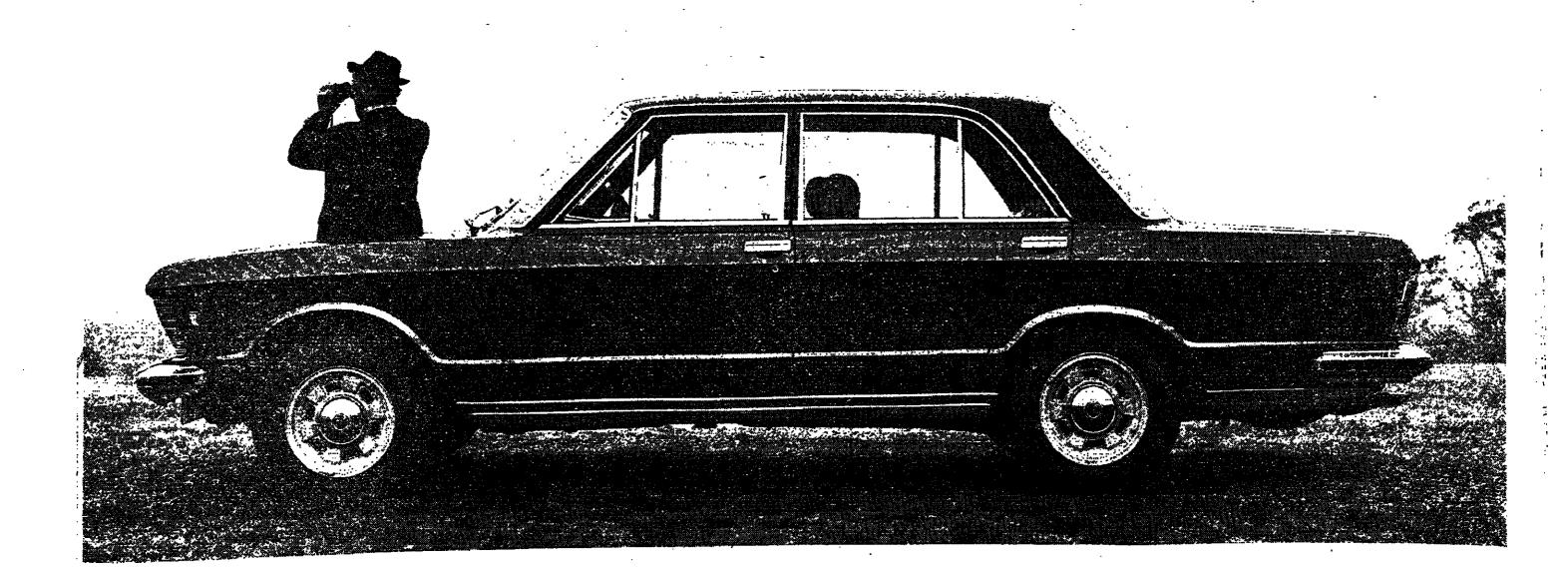
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By Tim Devlin

Education Correspondent Next year will be another good year for graduate employment despite the economic gloom, the Central Services Unit, which was set up to find jobs for graduates. predicted yesterday.

Dr Stephen Bragg, Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University and chairman of the unit's management committee, said: Looking at the advertisements from firms the general feeling is of a wary optimism. There is ates having any difficulty in getting employment in 1975. Most employers of graduates

made in 1971 when recruitment was strongly cut back. The same recruitment officers from firms who cut back on graduates then, rapidly came to regret it. They came back within a year, asking: What has happened to our supply of bright young

Graduates are commanding minimum starting salaries of that during the peak days be-51,500 a year, and about \$2,050 fore Christmas the Post Office in London. In 1975, the unit will be handling about a hunpredicts, starting salaries will range from about £2,000 to £3,000, and a few graduates, particularly those who are linchpios in the computer industry, will command salaries far above £3,000.

Last January the unit, set up by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors in 1972 for university and polytechnic careers officers, predicted that demand for graduates would rise by 40 per cent in 1974. It said yesterday that opportunities for first-degree graduates in the summer of 1974 had increased by 54 per cent over the summer of 1973. The unit's list had a total of 6,500 vacancies, of which 4,300 were filled. The unit predicts that the list will have 6,000 vacancies for graduates next summer.

In its second annual report the unit warns employers that they must allow for an increasing number of girl graduates

from higher education.

Dr Bragg told a press conference in London that male graduates leaving higher education outnumbered females by two to one. But the proportion of girls going to university and polytechnics was increasing.

University and college appointments officers will seek to persuade girls to go into industry. Mr Alan Bassett, chairman of the Standing Conference of University Appointments Services, said: "This process must start in the third and fourth years at school. I am quite satisfied that there is a greater demand for women graduates."

He said that for the first time a few graduates were being put off management because they feared they would have to cope with industrial unrest.

Mr William Kirkman, secretary of Cambridge University's Appointments Board, said the demand in industry for graduates of all disciplines was to a large extent unfulfilled last year. Graduates in metallurgy were very much sought after and graduates in applied sciences and accountancy were also very much in demand. Second annual report of the management committee August, 1973 to July, 1974 (Central Ser-vices Unit, Precinct Centre, Road, Manchester

Hospital waiting lists increased by 30,000 and admissions dropped by 91,000 during the National Health Service

auxillary workers' strike, which lasted about six weeks

early last year, according to a statistical report published by the Department of Health yes—
The present £43m pay offer to 220,000 ancillary workers has been rejected by the National

been rejected by the National Union of Public Employees and

the Confederation of Health Service Employees. Both

unions are insisting on their original claim of a £30 mini-

The Health and Personal

Social Services Statistics for

1974 show that the number of hospital medical staff is still

rising: by a little over 40 per cent from 1963 to 1973, to 26,752. In the same period the

number of women doctors rose by 68 per cent to 4,167. The

number of doctors born over- Office, £3).

By John Roper

auxillary

Medical Reporter

#### Job outlook | Post Office alert on ... Christmas mail bombs

By Malcoim Brown

**Business News Staff** Mr Alex Currall, managing director, posts, said yesterday that precautions were being taken by the Post Office to protect the public against letterbombs in the Christmas mail.

"We cannot obviously offer total immunity", he said, "but we are taking sensible precau-The Post Office announced

yesterday that the last posting dates for Christmas would be December 18 for parcels and second-class letters, and December 20 for first-class letters. Sir William Ryland, chairman

no sign at the moment of gradu- of the Post Office Corporation, said the corporation's total ex-penditure over the Christmas period would be about £40m. have realized the mistake they and the revenue generated slightly less. He was confident that all the mail would get through in time.

The mistakes of two years ago when millions of items had not arrived in time for Christmas had been learnt and last Christmas had demonstrated that the corporation could cope was estimated yesterday dred million letters a day, three times the normal volume. An additional 120,000 staff would help to move an estimated 800 million letters and 13 million

On Saturday, December 21.

there will be one extra letter and one extra parcel delivery, and the next day two more letter and one more parcel deliveries, except in Scotland. Deliveries will be normal on Monday, December 23, and

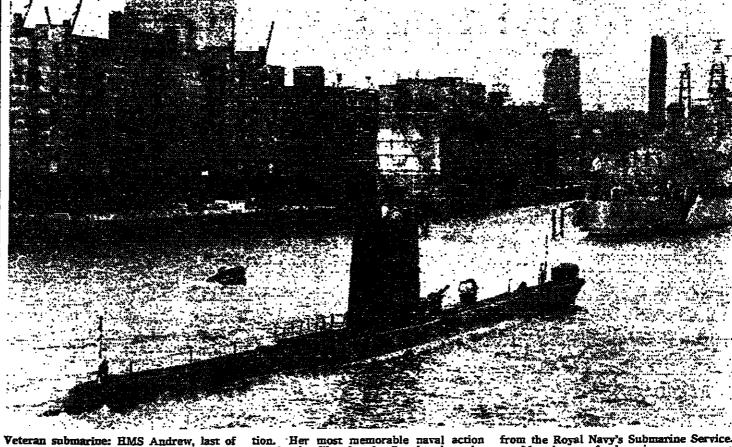
Christmas Eve. The final collection in England, Wales and Northern Ire-land on Christmas Eve will be noon, with normal collections in Scotland.

The Post Office said there would be no deliveries or col-lections on Christmas or Boxing Day, except in Scotland, where there would be restricted collection on Boxing Day.

Final collections in England, Wales and Northern Ireland on December 31 will be at 5 pm or 5.30 pm and on New Year's Day there will be no collections or deliveries throughout the United Kingdom. On January 2 there will be no deliveries in Scotland, but restricted collections.

Mr Edward Fennessy, managing director, telecommunications, said that there would be no alarm, transfer charge, per-sonal or credit calls on Christmas Day.

The cheap rate period for dialled trunk and local calls will run from 6 pm on Christmas Eve to 8 am on December 27. In Scotland the cheap rate will run from 6 pm on Christmas Eve to 8 am on December 26 and again from 6 pm on New Year's Eve to 8 am on January



Veteran submarine: HMS Andrew, last of the Royal Navy submarines designed to fight in the Second World War, approaching HMS Belfast in the Pool of London yesterday. She is on a visit to London before being broken up, and will be open to the public between 1 pm and 4 pm next Saturday and Sunday. In 1953 she com-pleted the first submerged crossing of the Atlantic, a feat reported in the same BBC broadcast as the first successful ascent of Everest on the eve of the Queen's corona-

Former Hongkong

police chief loses plea

was in the film On the Beach, when she was "commanded" by Gregory Peck. The Andrew also appears as a German sub-marine in the BBC television series Warship. Her name commemorates the press ganger Andrew Miller, who was so successful that the Senior Service became known as the Andrew. She fired her 4.5 inch gun for the last time earlier this manth. Her commander, Lieutenant-Commander Paul Hoddinott, recorded the event: "The reek of cordite has passed

. . May the art of submarine gunnery rest in peace but never be forgotten." The submarine will never be forgotten by the fishermen of Devon, for in 1973 the Teignmouth trawler Emma Will cast her nets and "caught" the Andrew as she was quietly going about her business in the Channel. In fact, she provided one of the biggest "one that got away" stories in the Devon trawler fleet's history. The Andrew will sail from London at 3.30 pm

#### Independent television's case for second channel

By Kenneth Gosling

Arts Reporter It remains the firm belief of the Independent Broadcasting Authority that independent television cannot realize its full potential except as a twochannel service. If a second independent channel is to be allowed, the authority hopes its authorization need not wait until 1979, when its present

life ends. Allocation of the fourth channel is one matter being examined by the Committee on the Future of Broadcasting under Lord Annan, and the IBA has made its views known the first important published piece of evidence to the committee.

The IBA thinks it highly likely that by 1984 despite Orwell, many viewers will still be looking at television screens that bear a striking resem-

deed a proportion of the sets can be expected to be those which are in shops and homes today.

Quite a number will be black-and-white only, some un-doubtedly providing blurry pic-tures and excruciatingly poor quality sound, owing to design or more often lack of atten-

prison.

officer.

It is even possible, the authority says, that before 1984 public interest in television may have begun to wane. Nevertheless, the simplicity and effectiveness of domestic television and radio, and the improbability of any other inventions swiftly providing such a range of satisfactions in the home, would seem to give some assurance that they survive for many years to come, despite changing techno-

#### Pleas altered in immigrant case

Three men accused of assisting an illegal immigrant into ing an illegal immigrant into Britain changed their pleas to guilty at Gravesend Crown Court yesterday. They were David Reed, aged 40, of Sheriff Way, Warford: Alan Horn, aged 24, of Stonebridge Road, Tottenham, London; and Felix Shields, aged 26, of West Ferry Road, Millwall, London.

The trial continues of Clive Reed, aged 46, of Matthias Road, Hackney, London, and Hardha-jan Chand Bhangu, aged 39, of Hordern Road, Wolverhampton. They have denied the charge.

seas, which had remained steady at about 33 per cent be-

tween 1969 and 1971, is again

rising slightly.

In general practice the total reached 21,358 but the number of unrestricted principals com-

ing from overseas continued to

rise in England, from 3,157 in 1972 to 3,350 this year.

tical service of the NHS in 1973, an increase of nearly 3

per cent. The net inbredient

cost increased by £15.9m to

£171.4m and the average total

cost of a prescription was just

over 88p, an increase of 6p over

Admissions to mental hospi-

tals in England increased in 1972 by 1,922 to 175,152, mark-ing a change from the stable situation of the previous two

Healthand Personal Social Services Statistics 1974 (Stationery

Hospital workers' strike put

30,000 on waiting lists

victim's fibres There was no trace of fibres from the clothing of a dead woman on anything belonging to Thomas Anderson, who is accused of murdering her, it was stated at Leeds Crow

yesterday.

Accused man

had no trace of

Mr Anderson, aged 70, a rat-catcher, of Harehill Lane, Leeds, is accused of strangling Miss Daisy Morris, aged 80, at her cortage at Scarcraft. The prosecution has suggested that Mr Anderson was frustrated by her refusal to sell him a plot of land.

Mr Ronald Outteridge, a principal scientific officer, said hehad examined clothing from Miss Morris and Mr Anderson and found a small area of bloodstains of human origin on one of Mr Anderson's boots. It was insufficient for further tests to be carried out and might have been several weeks old.

#### Mr Peter Godber, aged 52, the former Hongkong police chief superintendent, failed yesterday in the High Court to avoid extradition on bribery charges. The court rejected his hearing before Lord Widgery, plea for a writ of habeas corpus for his release from Pentonville

Milton, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, ordered his return

Mr Godber was ordered to pay the costs of the High Court Mr Justice Melford Stevenson and Mr Justice Watkins. He was not present in court.

Afterwards, Mr Gerald Fun-nell, Mr Godber's solicitor, said a further appeal was unlikely. His barrister, Mr Anthony Scrivener, was being remined to appear in Hongkong. Proceedings there would start after

When the hearing began, Mr Scrivener described as grossly exaggerated an allegation that Mr Godber's assets had grown from £90,000 to £400,000 by the time he left the colony in June last war. His assets response last year. His assets were less than half those alleged, Mr Scrivener said. The prosecution had made arithmetical mis takes and in one instance had added the same figure 39 times.

#### Wife must sell her home

A teacher, Mrs Miriam Green, aged 35, must sell her home in Manor Road, New Milton, Hampshire, because her hus-band, Mr Harry Green, failed had put up a £3,000 surety. He eventually surrended to the Board of Customs and Excise and was iailed for four years for drug-smuggling.

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, said the magistrate who ordered extradition was right in holding that the Hongkong

Government had made out a

prima facie case on charges alleging that Mr Godber had taken a bribe of \$HK25,000 to promote a Chinese police

There was also evidence that

Mr Godber, a man of strong personality, bragged of the efforts he had made to influ-

Mr Godber has been in Pen-

tonville since he was arrested

at his home at Iden Lock, Rye, Sussex, on April 29. Sir Frank

ence the officer's promotion.

In the Queen's Bench Divisional Court yesterday Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, said there was no ground for appeal against a forfeit order.

#### 100 and still driving

Mr Herbert Warren, of Wat-lington, Norfolk, who is 100 tomorrow still drives his 1955 Standard car around the village shopping and doing errands.

#### | Pop festival charges

William Dwyer, aged 44, a Stationery Office clerk, at Wyn-ford Road, Islington, London, faced two more charges yesterday at Windsor arising out of Great Pag festival last summer, which he organized. He already faces three charges.

The new charges are that he issaulted Detective Superintendent Peter East, and criminally damaged a fire engine. The court was told that further charges would be preferred. Mr Dwyer was remanded on bail until February 10, when com-mittal proceedings are expected

#### New pig outbreak

More than 460 pigs have been slaughtered because of swine resicular disease on a farm at Ockbrook, near Derby.



Peter Coffey, aged 18, of Hanworth, and Anne Elizabeth Kent, aged 16, who was in her boy friend's car, died in this crash at Feltham

#### **Operations delay costs** lives, surgeon says

From Our Correspondent Sheffield

Mr Geoffrey Smith, a consultant heart surgeon, said yesterday that there was evidence that lives were being lost because patients were kept waiting too long before viral operations were carried out. He said that in October a woman died after awaiting an operation for several months and that a man who underwent heart surgery at the Northern General Hospital at the weekend was fighting for his life.
In each case Mr Smith, con-

sultant in charge of the hos-pital's cardiac unit, said a major factor was that they had been on the wairing list too long. "I cannot guarantee this will not happen again. The lives of others on the waiting list could omers on the waiting list could be put in jeopardy. We are fac-ing a most critical situation", he said.

Mr Smith took the unusual step of calling a press confer-ence because he said the public

deserved to know the facts. The medical profession had pretended for too long that things were better than they were.

The main reason why his waiting list had jumped from 29 to 65 in the past six months and that patients were having 10 wait up to six months instead of one month for heart surgery was an acute shortage of nurses on his unit.
"We are 10 murses short on

this unit, and the problem is so acute at this hospital that it is common for a major sur-gical ward to be left at night in the charge of a second-year student nurse and a medical auxiliary. This is far from desirable. Mr Smith has six intensive care beds in his unit and three more which stand empty because of staff shortests. tages.
The Northern General Hos-

pital, a university teaching hospital, yesterday promised an inquiry into the points raised by Mr Smith and said there was a serious staffing problem. "There is simply insufficent cash to take on the ideal nurs-ing staff. Earlier this year it was necessary to restrict recruitment in order to contain the number of nurses within the existing budget", it said.

#### In brief

#### The worth of a barrister

Barristers employed in : . try and commerce earn an age of between £7.000 £8,000 a year, a survey publ yesterday shows (our Correspondent writes). It two years up to October had salary increases of than 30 per cent.

Rarristers who are hea legal services earn an av of more than £10,000 a ves some are paid £14,000 above. The survey was by con, for the Bar Association Commerce, Finance and

#### CBI's pipe chief

Mr Campbell Adamson. 52, director-general of the federation of British Inc. has been nominated "Pn of the Year" by reade Tobacco megazine and the Pipe Trade Association.

More join bus strike Men from two more depots yesterday joined to official strike of Scottisi men, bringing the tot: strike to nearly 4,000 wit tral and eastern depots

Couple die unnotice Mr Harry Stacey, aged 7 his wife, Winifred, aged Shyshack Lane, Tadley, shire, were found dead, come by fumes, in the stairs bedroom yesterday, than 12 hours after a f their front room.

#### Glasgow oper house opening

The opening date of Son Opera's £2m opera hou Glasgow is to be October was announced yesterday
Although no final de
has been taken about whic
duction to open with likely to be a royal gal formance of Verdi's with the Scottish No

#### 'Psychopath' boy raped chi

A boy of 15, who ragirl aged nine, told h choose the way she wan die, it was stated at the ( Criminal Court yesterda was found guilty of ra September 20 but senten postponed for medical re Mr Justice Cusack sa boy was a potentially dan psychopath, and made h subject of a hospital orde he had "grown up a bit

#### Awards for passers-by Parkinson's disease affects who tackled criminals one in 100

By Our Medical Reporter

Parkinson's disease, "shaking palsy", is now more prevalent because of the greater number of people who survive into old age. A report published today by the Office of Health Economics estimates that it affects between 60,000 and 80,000 people, almost half of whom may be moderately or severely disabled.

The report concludes that one person in a hundred born in this country will eventually develop the disease. Cost of treatment within the health service is at least £15m.

An immediate need was an improvement in the social situation of victims. Improved medicines, particularly the use of L-dopa, had helped in many cases to reduce distress and dis-ablement; but medicines alone could not ensure that those with the disease live as full a life as possible. The disease was at a stage at which it might be compared with

such conditions as diabetes. Although medical care could not cure, it could maintain the physical condition of many sufferers so as to enable them to live a reasonably full life.

The sharing of experiences through membership if an organization such as the Parkinson's Disease Society helped sufferers and their relatives to ease difficulties and to break down the sense of isolation.

Parkinson's Disease (Office of Health Economics, 162 Regent Street, Loudon, Wir 6DD. 25p).

Ine death to in the Dirmingham public house bombings ill in the city's Accidented rose to 21 when James Craig, pital since the blasts and to break down the sense of isolation.

Street, Loudon, Wir 6DD. 25p).

#### By a Staff Reporter The Lord Mayor of London yesterday presented awards to

22 men and women who, at risk of being shot at or stabbed, stood in front of escape cars, grappled in their pyjamas with burglars, or threw themselves on knifewiedlers in shopping centres.

Mrs Jessie Burus, of Delston,
who refused to move from in

front of a car while gunmen with £6,500 hoot fired at her, said yesterday: "No, I wasn't frightened. It was determination: I felt angry." Three robbers with a pistol

were trying to start a car after stealing a factory payroll when Mr Roland Henry, a Hoxton Mr Roland Henry, a Hoxton mini-cab driver, aged 27, who was born in Antigua, crept up on one, gave him a karate chop on the arm, and grabbed the barrel of his gun. "I don't like guns and knives", he said. "I've done a lot of karate." His wife, Yvonne, said: "A lot of his friends said he was mad afterwards. They say the police Arthur Pickeri are pigs and you shouldn't Baker, Mr Wilfred Tow-even talk to them. But it Mr Christopher Thorpo depends what type of person Peter and Dr Anthea Ha

The anoual Binney medals, Derek Seymonamed after Captain Ralph Richard Dawe.

Binney, RN, who died & trying to stop smash an theeves in the City of L and to Mr Douglas Price 63, from Kensington, wh stabbed while struggling man threatening a neizhbour.

Certificates were awar four passers-by who gr with a man who stab woman in Oxford Stree then ran amock: Mr A. Manes, Mr Terence Sie Barrie Westbrook and M. Willis. Three men: Mr. Ali, Mr. Refet Hasan as Michael Blanks, helpe Henry to struggle with a

bery gang.
Three members of a who were thurt struggling gummen trying to rob post office in Southall re awards. They were Mr K Saini, his wife, Chera, and his Chera,

Awards also Mr Lawrence Phelan, Derek Seymour, and

#### Pub death toll rises to 21 The death toll in the Birm-

night. He had been cri

#### ask for

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By Hugh Clayton The two largest bread companies in Britain told the Price Commission yesterday that they could justify an immediate price rise of ip on a large loaf. But that would be only the prelude to a larger rise

RHM and Associated British Foods, which together produce imost half of the bread eaten in Britain, have based their present claims on wage awards to bakery workers, threshold pay rises throughout their industry, and higher costs of yeast and wrapping paper.
Mrs Williams, Secretary of

State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has decided to try to absorb the increase by can-celling recent wholesale price cuts to shopkeepers instead of by raising the subsidy, now worth more than £70m a year. Bakers also want to be re-

leased from the statutory 28day delay between submission of price claims and implemensacion of increases.

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#### Bread companies General's 'patriots' ready Police fears over jobs and pay put Specials under scrutin to turn out on local calls

By Christopher Walker

A significant change in the attitude of the leadership of the self-styled patriotic groups that have grown up in Britain over the past six months was dis-closed yesterday by General Sir Walter Walker, chief of Civil Assistance.

He told me that he would no longer wait for the Government before calling his claimed force of 500,000 volunteers into action. "If we are asked by a county council, or any other legitimate local body, we shall be prepared to give any help we can", he said.

"County controllers" had been selected in 44 counties and attempts were being made to fill gaps in the national structure, Sir Walter said.

In its original manifesto, Civil Assistance maintained that its members would be called-into action only after a request from the government of the day. That has now been replaced by the wider term " the lawful authori-

Explaining this change, Sir Walter said he did not believe that the present "left-wing capivated government" would ask for assistance until too late. "If essential services were

running through the streets it would be impossible to think of aroused by the "private people in towns like Yeovil and armies". Whitehall has noted Taunton standing by and doing nothing", he said. "So we have instructed our controllers to respond to a call from any legal body like a town or county council."

Sir Walter was expected to give an account of his organization's work in a BBC interview with Mr Robin Day later this week. But yesterday he refused to take part after reading that the pre-publicity referred to his organization as a private army. The organization has the names of thousands of men and

women pledged to come out and obey orders if the request is made of them. In Plymouth alone, Sir Walter says, he has 2,000 signed-up members

Fears by Britain's regular policemen that volunteer special constables are undermining their jobs and pay have led to an inquiry into the 30,000-

strong force of unpaid officers. Agitation by the Police Federation to discuss criticisms has unavailable and the sewers were come at a time when public interest in the specials has been as a rise in inquiries and parliamentary questions in the past six months, and a recruiting campaign has increased capital's force from 1,645 to 100 this year.

> professional ranks so that they can be used instead of the recruitment of regular officers, which would involve higher pay. Specials should be trained and then kept as an emergency force,

no pay except a small allowance The federation argue that the Specials are filling gaps in the

Working parties drawn from the police advisory boards of England, Scotland and Wales will debate whether the Specials will keep their rank system which, regular officers say, can will keep their rank system over administration and dividivision covering Croydon show which, regular officers say, can sional commandants came that last year the Specials result in the public assuming under the divisional commander. worked 18,503 hours and trained

more rank than the regular constable he is accompanying.

The regular officers want to see an age set for retirement. The question whether security guards should be allowed to join the Specials is another issue for debare. The Special Constabulary is

a long-established feature of the British scene, dating back centuries but created in its modern and unique form in 1928. In uniform a special constable has the same powers as any police officer but he receives

for expenses. He has normal police insurance. Despite the ranks, which range up to chief commandant, there is no disciplinary code; a miscreant would be asked to leave. London, with the largest and one of the best forces in the country, provides an example of

how the Specials operate. The force was integrated into regular establishment in 1958 so that professional officers took

Applicants are checked by regular officers and the Specials before they begin training. Many new courants are in their lare tweeties or early thirties, and come from a wide cross-section of occupations. One subinspector said he looked for someone honest, assured and easy-going", and people looking for the chance to wear a uniform, and disciplinarians are discouraged.

Applicants take the same oath as a normal policeman and then go through two hours training a week for 23 weeks. This covers first aid, basic law, court procedure and other techniques. Each is issued with a bulky

Progress in training is moni-tored and if it is satisfactory the officer goes on to begin 32 hours patrolling with regular policemen. There are no examinations. After the patrol work the full special constable is expected to put in four hours' duty a month, although in London many do more.
Stanistics produced for the

for 1,533 hours. So far this and down the high stre year the figures are 18,604 work ing shop doors." hours and 4,082 hours for training. There are 124 officers, 60 per cent of them under 30. Last year they took 88 cases

to court. So far this year the number is 133. In London the Specials are a back-up " force. They do not

work at demonstrations but provide the extra manpower to allow regular officers to do so. They are being used in large numbers for events such as football matches, shows (there were 250 at the Lord Mayor's show last month) and peaceful ceremonies, under the command of regular officers.

They man their own launches on the Thames and ride as ob-servers in patrol cars but they are not allowed to act as police drivers or to specialize in areas such as plain clothes work. However, at least one police authority uses Specials for motor-

way patrols.

The Croydon division's commandant, Mr John Tween, said : The involvement in day-to-day police work is much greater than when I joined 15 years ago, Then you might walk up

ing shop doors." The involvement is greatest in emergencies include manning the moafter the Trident air cra 1972 or in the afterma

Flixborough. A tew weeks ago Sei Peter Newby, a factory ger, aged 47, went on di 7 pm one Friday and finish 4.30 am next day. The included foot patrols, with a regular officer, a

hoax and a man found roof Officers like Sergeant N are almost indistinguis from the real thing in conversation about the job their attitudes. Indeed. admit to being "frust policemen at heart", and j because they could not be full-time officers. Others us Specials as a stepping stop-

last year 30 Specials toine full Metropolitan Police. They are sensitive of regular officers' grievance: are often anxious to poin that they are an aid and replacement

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#### 3 impeding ee speech?

1 Correspondent de-ranging proposals to y and liberalize the law mempt of court have been by the Phillimore comin a report published

e committee, whose chair-Lord Justice Phillimore, carlier this year, makes nher of recommendations ing the freedom of the to publish facts and comon legal proceedings. suggests a new definition test for contempt, specithe time periods within contempt can arise, and possible defences. It has, er, rejected the establishof a defence of public

report proposes a numf changes to the proce-governing contempt proigs and to the sentencing s of judges.

talls for an inquiry into actice (the most striking le of which was in the murder case) of the press 12 witnesses in a criminal money for their stories, t to the defendant being

foomore, the commitfers to the case of Mr. ont, who was found guilty tempt in revealing in the st Worker the names of blackmail victims reto by initials in court, the judge had requested he names should not be ed. The committee's note ritten before the result case against Mr Foot was

incline to the view that portant question of what ess may publish concern-oceedings in open court no longer be left to judi-quests (which may be dis-ed) nor to judicial direcwhich, if given, may bave ul legal authority) but gislation should provide se specific circumstances ich a court shall be ered to prohibit, in the interest, the publication ies or of other matters at a trial."

committee starts from mise that the law of conof court is of fundamenportance to the legal but that the existing law ertain, especially those which affect the media. itial reforms were necestake account of modern ms, the committee said. her a particular publica-mounted to contempt be judged by a proposed amony definition: "The contempt is whether the complained of a risk that the course stice will be seriously

the guestion of pressure applied on a litigant, the discusses at length the of Lords decision to ban, ground of contempt, tion of a proposed article Simdon Times dealing e liability of the Distil-ompany in the thalido-

committee's proposal produce the opposite and, if implemented mean that a similar in future would not fall the contempt laws. recommendation

ict directed against a in connexion with the roceedings in which he erned, which amounts to ation or unlawful to person, property or on should be capable of eated as a contempt of but that conduct falling f that should not be a

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ng with the time from liability under the law empt should start, the ec accepted that the position was far from

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have come to the couthat the right point in and Wales is the when the suspected man ed or a summons rved; Scotland when the perirst publicly charged on or otherwise, or at the lling in court of a sum-

omplaint." ril proceedings, the com-rejects the present law nakes issue or service of ir summons the relevant point for liability for

apply the strict rules of ot from the moment that n summons is served or sued ... would not only tifle legitimate freedom the and comment for an nable length of time, but necessary, either for the protection of the parties. due administration of Further, to apply the n the initiation of pro-s would still leave unthe vexed problem of the 8 writ'."

# Test would be whether justice is put at risk

The following is a summary of the report's conclusions and recommendations:

1. The law of contempt in England and Wales and in Scotland is required as a means of—

required as a means of—

(a) maintaining the rights of the citizen to a fair and unimpeded system of fustice; and (b) protecting the orderly administration of the law of contempt should be confined to circumstances where the achievement of its objectives requires the application of a swift and summary procedure.

summary procedure.

3. In essentials the law of contempt, especially as it affects the press, should be the same in Eugland and Wales and in Scotland so far as procedural differences afform.

allow.

4. The law as it stands contains uncertainties which impede and restrict reasonable freedom of speech. It should be amended and clarified by statute so as to allow as much freedom of speech as is consistent with the achievement of the objective set out in conclusion 1.

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the period of operation of the law
of contempt, as to whether publications are at risk when proceedings are imminent and if so, what
period that expression covers.

Recommendations: 6. Any conduct, including publication as described in recommendation 8, which is intended to pervert or obstruct the course of justice in particular proceedings should continue to be capable of being dealt with as a contempt of of court, but only if the proceedings in question have started and have not yet been finally settled or concluded. However, such conduct should normally be dealt with as a criminal offence unless there are compelling reasons requiring Any conduct, including publi-

are compelling reasons requiring it to be dealt with as a matter of urgency by means of summary contempt procedures. A publication, as described in the following recommendation, should be subject to the law of contempt if it creates a risk of serious prejudice (whether intentionally or not); but this strict liability should not apply to other conduct and should apply to publications only in accordance with recommendations 9-16 below.

8. For the purposes of recommendations 7 and 9-16 a publication should be defined as any speech, writing, broadcast or other communication, in whatever form, which is addressed to the public at large.

9. A publication should give rise to strict liability in the law of contempt only if it creates a risk that the course of justice will be seriously impeded or prejudiced. A definition on these lines should be provided by statute. 10. Where the proceedings in ques-tion are criminal, strict liability for publications should only

(i) in England and Wales, when the accused person is charged or a summons served ; (ii) in Scotland, when the person is publicly charged on petition or otherwise or at the first calling in court of a summary complaint.

. Where the proceedings in estion are civil, strict liability r publications should only (i) in England and Wales, when the case has been set down for

trial;
(ii) in Scotland, when proof or jury trial has been ordered; or (iii) in other civil proceedings, the equivalent stage.

12. Strict liability for publications 12. Strict liability for publications should cease to operate when a verdict has been returned and sentence pronounced or judgment given, or an equivalent order or decree made or given. If in a jury trial a jury fails to agree, the law should continue to apply until it is clear that no retrial is to be ordered. In the event of a new trial being ordered, the law should again apply from the date when the new trial is ordered. the new trial is ordered.

13. The defence of innocent publi-

cation and distribution provided by section 11 of the Administration of Justice Act, 1960, should be retained, with such modifications as will be necessary if our recommendations are implemented, for England and Wales, and should be extended to Scotland.

14. It should be a defence to an allegation of contempt to show that the publication was a fair and accurate report of legal proceedings in open court published contemporaneously and in good faith. 15. It should be a defence to an allegation of contempt to show that a publication formed part of a legitimate discussion of matters of general public interest and that it only incidentally and uninten-tionally created a risk of serious prejudice to particular proceed-ings.

16. A defence that a publication is for the public benefit should not be introduced into the law of

17. The existing law governing editorial and corporate responsibility for publications should be retained, with necessary modifi-cations in regard to broadcasting and television organizations. 18. In Scotland, it should continue to be a contempt of court to pub-lish the content of the written pleadings before the record is

closed.

19. It should also be provided by statute that bringing influence or pressure to bear upon a party to proceedings shall not be held to be a contempt unless it amounts to intimidation or unlawful theory. to induidation or unlawful threats to his person, property or reputa-

20. It should no longer be a contempt to take or threaten reprisals against a witness or juror after the conclusion of legal proceedings with the intention of punishing him for his part in them. Instead, such conduct should be made an indictable offence; with provision for the victim to recover compensation for any loss or damage he may have suffered. 21. "Scandalizing the court"

should cease to be part of the law of contempt. Instead, it should be made an indictable offence both in England and Wales and in Scot-land to defume a judge in such a way as to bring the administration of justice into disrepute. Proof that the allegations were true and that publication was for the public benefit should be a defence. In England and Wales this offence should be made a branch of the law of criminal libel. of criminal libel.

22. All distinctions between "civil" and "criminal" con-tempts in England and Wales should be abolished, and in par-

(a) all rules which confer privilege from process for "civil" as opposed to "criminal" contempt of court should be abolished. Par-liament may wish to review the parliamentary aspects of these rules;

(b) the rule that waiver by an aggrieved party in civil proceedings automatically relieves the contemnor of liability should be abolished. The power of the courts to order that a breach of an order be reported to it should be con-

(c) all committals to prison for contempt should be for fixed (d) the rules as to execution of process in civil contempt should be brought into line with those for criminal contempt;

(e) exercise of the royal preroga-tive of mercy should not be advised in any case of contempt; (f) the practice of the courts in requiring a breach of a court order

to be proved beyond reasonable doubt should be confirmed. 23. Certain Rules of the Supreme Court which provide for committal in the event of breaches of specific court orders should be revoked, and all cases of disobedience which may he dealt with by con-tempt procedure left to the general provisions of order 45, rule 5. 24. The grounds for a motion to

25. Ex parte committal orders in England and Wales should in every case include a direction that the contemnor is to be brought up before the judge making the order (or another judge if he is not available) at the earliest oppor-

26 The right of private individuals to initiate proceedings for con-tempt both in England and Wales and in Scotland should continue, without prejudice to the powers of either the Attorney General or Lord Advocate to take proceedings at his own instance should he consider it proper to do so in the

27. In all contempt proceedings which a private individual seeks to institute, other than those for the enforcement of a court order made in his favour, he should be required to serve notice of these proceedings on the Attorney General or Lord Advocate as the case may be.

28. In cases of contempt in the face of the court— (a) the judge should always ensure that the contemnor is in no doubt about the nature of the conduct complained of, and gire him an opportunity of explaining or denying his conduct, and of calling

(h) before any substantial penalty ment. is imposed there should be a short adjournment, with power to remand the contemnor in custody. The judge should have power to obtain a background report on the contemnor, and the contemnor should be enritted to speak in mitigation of sentence;

(c) for the purposes of defending himself and of making a plea in mingation the contemnor should be entitled to legal representation, and the court should have power

prosecuting authorities to be dealt with under the ordinary criminal law, and should so refer it in serious cases unless reasons of urgency or convenience require that it be dealt with summarily.

29. Magistrates in England and Wales should be given power to impose penalties for contempt in the face of the court subject to the limits proposed in recommendation 37 below.

30. Bankruptcy registrars in the High Court in England should be given the same powers as county court judges to punish contempts in the face of the court.

31. For the purposes of section 41 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1925 (prohibition on use of cameras in courts and their precincts), a map or plan should be displayed wherever practicable indicating the boundaries of the precincts of the court.

32. Regulations should be made governing the unofficial use of recorders in court, and of record-ings obtained thereby. Breach of the regulations in court should be punishable as a contempt.

33. There should be created a right of appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal in Scotland by way of note of appeal from a finding of conempt in a criminal trial on indict-

land and Scotland the power to fine should remain unlimited but the should remain unlimited but the power to imprison should be limited to a maximum period of two years. All courts should in addition have appropriate powers to deal with mentally disordered offenders.

35. The powers of judges in county courts to impose penalties for contempt in the face of the court (under section 157 of the

commit for disphedience to a court order should wherever possible be set out in detail in the supporting affidavit.

25. Ex parte committal orders in tempt in the face of the court should be limited to a £150 fine or three months' imprisonment.

37. Both in England and Scotland the powers of magistrates and the powers of magistrates and justices of the peace to impose penalties for contempt in the face of the court should be limited to a £20 line or seven days' imprison-

38. Powers of both sheriffs and magistrates in Scotland and of magistrates in England to certify more serious cases of contempt in the face of the court to the High Court of Justiciary or the Inner House of the Court of Session and the Divisional Court respectively should be given or confirmed as the case may be

39. All sentences of imprisonment for contempt of court in England and Wales should be for fixed terms, but the power to review a case and order release before the full sentence is served should be regarded.

40. Prison regulations in England and Wales should be amended to require notification to be given to the Official Solicitor of prisoners committed for contempt by county cours for fixed terms. by county courts for fixed terms of less than six weeks, in the same way as for other contempt prisoners.

41. The machinery for the enforce-ment of fines in the High Court and Restrictive Practices Court in England and Wales should be replaced by a system on the lines of that provided by the Criminal Justice Act. 1967.

The committee was set up in June, 1971. Lord Justice Phillimore died last June. Other members were: Lord Cameron. Mr Rohin Day. Lord Grant. General Sir John Hackett. Mr Derek Hodgson, QC, Mr David Hopkinson, and hir I. G.

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#### Liability of editors 'should be retained

On editorial responsibility for contempt of court in a newspaper, the committee concludes that the editor should remain strictly liable, as at present. In broadcasting, the brector-General of the BBC would be in the same position. The Inde-pendent Broadcasting Authority, however, should specify who has the editorial responsibility in any

company under it.

Apart from issues mainly affecting the media, the committee has considered conduct other than by publication which might be con-

Before deciding to take summary action for contempt, the court must make sure that the offending act does not fall under any specific criminal offence. If it does, it should be left to the ordinary criminal courts. Only where it is urgently necessary to deal with the contempt there and then should the summary procedure be used. That would apply norm-

ceedings to which the conrelates.
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demonstration during the case, the committee recommends new safeguards for people charged.

The committee feels that the 
alleged off-noder should be entitled 
to legal representation, if necessary under legal aid, for bis 
defence and for any plea in mitigation. He should be entitled to 
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gation. He should be entitled to explain or deny his conduct and to call witnesses.

Where the judge is considering imposing a custodial sentence, he should adjourn the case before sentencing and should have the power to call for reports on the background of the offender.

Sentences of imprisonment for contempt should be for fixed terms, and for a maximum period of two years. Magistrates should be given the power to imprison for up to seven days. There should be the possibility of having the sentence reviewed during its currency. The present law which allows imprisonment for contempt for untimited and unstated periods

currency. The present law wants allows imprisonment for contempt for untimited and unstated periods should be abolished.

That is one of several suggestions by the committee which is attempting to abolish, as far as possible, the distinction between civil and criminal contempts.

The committee proposes the creation of two criminal offences to replace conduct that hitherto has been punishable by the contempt procedure. Taking or threatening reprisals against a witness or juror after the end of a case with the intention of punishing him for the part he played is one offence suggested. The other is "to defame a judge in such a way as to bring the administration of justice into disrepute". That would take the place of "scandalizing the court", which the report suggests should be abolished as a ground for contempt.

abolished as a ground for contempt.

The use of tape-recorders in court is discussed by the committee after a special request by the last Lord Chancellor. The committee feels that no mechanical recorder should be used in court without permission of the judge. Normally such consent would be given only to the litigants, their legal advisers and the press.

Regulations should be made to govern the use of tape-recorders, a breach of which could lead to penalties or proceedings for contempt.

penalties or proceedings for con-tempt.

On the ban on photography in court or within the court's boun-daries, the committee says that it would be helpful if a map or plan could be exhibited in the court premises showing exactly where the houndaries are.

The committee says that one

The committee says that one of its principal objectives had been to seek to introduce preater certainty into the law of con-tempt so as to make it easier

for the press to apply.

A plea that the publication was intended to be for the public benefit would, however, public benefit would, however, be relevant in mitigation of any penalty which might be imposed.

But it would be a defence to a charge of contempt that a publication was a fair and accurate report of legal proceedings in open court, published contemporaneously and in good faith. That defence should be made statutory, the report states.

should be made statutory, the report states.

The committee's report covers Scotland and England and Wales, and several pronosals are designed to bring practices north and south of the border in line with each other as far as possible.

Report of the Committee on Contempt of Court (Cund 5749. Stationery Office, £1).



# In some parts of the world, it's still feeding five thousand.

We haven't really come very far in the last two thousand years. In most parts of the world, people are still poor. Still underfed. Still waiting for a miracle to happen.

Unfortunately, the last few years haven't been too good for miracles. So, even at Christmas, some of us go hungry while the rest of us eat. Some of us go thirsty, while the rest of us drink.

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#### Britain to be among main beneficiaries of EEC regional fund

Paris, Dec 10

Today's agreement at the EEC summit to set up a regional development fund should help to remove one of the main sources of bitterness from the centre of Community affairs.

The fund agreed today will be a 1,300m units of account (about £542m) for the first three years beginning on January L This compares with the European Commission's March compromise of 1,400m units. But today's figure also included 150m units from the EEC's agricultural fund. The commission's original suggestion which Mr Heath's government then considered inadequate, was

2,225m units (£1,000m): The main beneficiaries of the fund, taking population into account, will be the Italians, with 40 per cent of the total (about \$216m over three years); the Irish, with 6.5 per cent (£35m); and the British, with 28per cent (£151m). According informal calculations here, this would give Britain a net gain of £72m over three years if Britain's rising scale of contributions was deducted.

of account should be disbursed next year and 500m in each of the following two years. With a large number of important details remaining to be worked out the fundi s scarcely likely to become operational until well into the new year.

Both the Irish and the Italian Governments had made agreements on an adequate fund a precondition of attendance at the summit; the Germans, the main potential contributors, remained reluctant to accept

Even after last week's broad acceptance by the foreign minis-ters of a Commission-style fund, the French were continuing to push for a smaller fund re-stricted to Ireland and Italy. In fact the French spokes-

man emphasized today that the existence of the regional fund involved full acceptance of the EEC's rules on competition, with control of certain national aids by the Brussels Commission. A suggestion by Mr Wilson that Britain would be prepared neither to subscribe to nor benefit from the fund if this would be helpful was not considered to be so.

#### Italian former ministers accused over pensions

Rome, Dec 10 new blood into the higher eche-A Rome investigating magis-trate has passed to Parliament civil service. a series of accusations against seven former ministers for responsibility in allegedly fraudulent augmentation of

individual civil servants' pen-The charges arise out of a matter of days so that they decree issued in June, 1972, which offered high pensions and redundancy pay for civil A parliamentary committee sions and severance rights. servants of a certain rank and

From Our Own Correspondent to allow promotions to bring new blood into the higher eche-

More than 10,000 took the opportunity of early retirement. According to the accusations such a figure was reached because some civil servants were promoted several grades

will now be called on to decide above who agreed to go before whether proceedings should be retiring age. The object was opened against the seven

#### 65,000 extra chances of winning the 'the fat one'

From Our Correspondent

With tickets beginning to each ticket costs about £76. run out for the world's biggest However, most Spaniards buy a this week put on sale another one-tenth or less of a whole 65,000 tickets and boosted the number. The one-tenth share. total prize money to a record

The draw for the annual Christmas lottery, which Spaniards call "El Gordo" (" the fat one"), is scheduled for December 21. With the newly added series of tickets, it offers 224,889 cash prizes, including 21 authorized lottery shop will pay top prizes worth £572,000 each, and all tax-free.

about one in seven, but the istration or, if they prefer to total pay-off amounts to about remain anonymous, have a bank 70 per cent of the gross lottery collect their winnings.

65,000 numbered tickets, and each ricket costs about £76. or decimo, is priced at about £7.60, and it entitles its owner to one-tenth of any prize money

off winners on the presentation of their whole ticket or décimo. The average player's chances Winners of big prizes usually

#### British and French appear at loggerheads in community summit

#### Heavyweight contest or shadow-boxing?

From David Spanier Paris, Dec 10

roots?

Oh, no! Not again! Surely the old Anglo-French distrist is not blossoming again, like some ghastly kind of bindweed

ever deeply you dig at its

Surely all the good spadework done by Mr Heath and M Pompidou to remove Anglo-French misunderstandings, and all the convivial hospitality dispensed by Sir Christopher Soames when he was ambassador in Paris, have not been

squandered away? Half-way through this summit meeting of the Nine, one began to fear the worst. The British and the French were at loggerheads again, President side. Giscard d'Estaing was saying that the British proposals on changing the European Com-

who was expelled from the

Soviet Union last year.

Mr Mikhail Jakovlev, the
Soviet Ambassador, and the
envoys of five East European

countries and Cuba ignored

invitations to attend the prize giving and banquet, which is Stockholm's most glittering

The King also presented

eminent scientists from Britain, America and Belgium with their

America and Beigium with their awards.

The 1974 winners came first, Mr Solzhenitsyn taking the position of a special guest behind. Wearing evening dress like all Nobel laureates, he walked into the hall side by side with Dr. Karl-Ragnar Cierow.

social event.

applause.

word, then there was no hope good. whatever of a successful nego- On tiation.

Frankly, one just cannot beyou can never get rid of, how- lieve it. The explanation must be a desire to stage a coup de théâtre, for the British Prime Minister to be seen doing British want to evade the rules, battle with the French, fight and instead of "buying Euroing for British interests, &c., pean" so to speak, will revert etc, to make the final agreement seem all the more valuable and well won.

The trouble is that, although the issue of the budget itself is in reality a minor one, involving relatively small amounts of money, it seems to engage deep emotions on either

One must suppose that common sense prevails, even in a summit meeting. The regional munity's budget were entirely development fund was agreed

unacceptable. Mr Wilson said and Britain will play a full part that, if this was France's last in it. That is something to the

> On the budget, the British have a case for reform. Most of the Community recognize it. What the French fear-and this is where the old mistrust rears its ugly head again—is that the to a non-European policy.
>
> The test of this summir will

> be if a formula is agreed, however vague or unsatisfactory, which will enable the Commission in Brussels to work out some safeguard in case Britain should find itself paying too

Britain wants to base this safeguard on its gross domestic product, so that if its budget contribution is well above its proportion of Community

French argue that the budget is made up of certain elements. which cannot be changed, such as customs receipts and farm levies, but there is nevertheless a possibility of changing other elements in it to take account of British needs. It is a theoredoctrinal argument because it is not yet established that the case for a refund will

apply in practice.

If the summit gives the Commission a mandate to work out a solution, then surely a solution will be found. It may or may not include the British reference to gross domestic product, but it could still give the desired answer. The point is that once this negotiation is started, the technicians can certainly resolve it, and Britain can then leave Anglo-French rival-ries where they belong to a past when Europe was divided.

Nato 'shot down' own planes in exercise

From Henry Stanhope

Brussels, Dec 10 More than 60 Nato aircraft were "shot down " by their own side in a recent naval exercise because their systems of communication were different. Nearly half the total aircraft allotted to one of the two opposing forces in the mock battle were lost.

This story of the exercise which went wrong was told to Nato defence ministers today by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton, chairman of the Nato military committee.

Both the United States and Britain had devoted considerable sums of money to developing data link naval communications systems. Five Nato navies were using one system, and three more were using the other.

But because the two systems were not compatible, ships fitted with one kind could not communicate with those fitted with the other, or with shore stations, and even a partial solution to the problem was going to cost millions of dollars. On land, national forces next door to each other on Nato's central front could not even help out each other with hardware because they needed different fuel for tanks, different ammunition, and a wide range of entirely different spares for virtually all their equipment. And in the Second Allied Tactical Air Force area which includes RAF Germany, there were five different types of gun ammunition, four different bombs, six different napalm containers, and 16 different types of drop tank for fuel.
In a blunt report on t problems arising from the lack of standardization of Nato equip-

ment, he cited these as examples of "the waste of money, duplication of scientific effort misuse of talent, waste of manpower, and impact on military efficiency" resulting from the Allies' failure to tackle the The criticism made by M

Spaak, the former secretary-general of Nato, as long ago as 1960, that each country wanted the proliferation of Nati to keep its own rifle, machine gun, shells, tanks and aircraft, was still true today.

The duplication in support costs, manpower and transport that.

was only one factor. But it cated why the Russians ne only one man in the support to every two men in Nato. There were also serious d encies in Nato manning le reserve stocks, electronic fare capabilities, air defence ami-submarine warfare.

gap between our convent

capabilities and those of

Warsaw Pact is widening said. At the same meeting of Defence Planning Comm Mr Roy Mason, Britain': fence Secretary, outlined proposed cuts in Britain fence spending. But he po out that Nato remained priority and that in 10 rime Britain would be spe between 98 and 99 per ci its defence budget in the

Mr Mason did not a without criticism. The 1 Defence Minister regrette diminution of British reinments on Nato's southern and Herr Leber, the Wes man Defence Minister. equally concerned abou and about the British with in other locations overses But most criticism cam

Dr Schlesinger, the Ar Defence Secretary, who, is mentioning Britain by delivered some pointed re about those who measure defence contributions as centage of gross n product. The military l could not be maintained Schlesinger,

lunching with Mr Mason told the committee t countries failed to provice was necessary for defend were letting the side dov In the United States there was a tendency : upon defence cuts as a c all ills, including the c cold and warts. But the had to be resisted. He that there would not stampede to cut defenc under the severe ec

pressures. Herr Leber complain groups. His own already belonged to as as 300 of them, and he w

#### **1970 Nobel** prize presented to Solzhenitsyn Stockholm, Dec 10.— Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the exiled Russian writer, was finally presented with his 1970 Nobel prize for literature today at a ceremony shunned by Soviet block diplomats. He received his gold medallion from King Carl XVI Gustaf of About 1,800 people, including royalty, scientists and scholars, who gathered in the richly-decorated Stockholm concert hall saw the medallion being presented to Mr Solzhenitsyn,

King Carl XVI Gustaf (right) presenting the 1970 Nobel prize to Mr Solzhenitsyn.

on this side of a border that still exists. But the spirit of your writings and the driving force of your work opens all frontiers", Dr Gierow told Mr Solzhenitsyn.

with Dr Karl-Ragnar Gierow, the secretary of the Nobel Of the 10 prize-winners in the The writer placed his hand sciences and literature for 1974 on his heart in a gesture of appreciation as the King gave him the medal. His wife, Natalya, clearly moved by the occasion, joined in the round of three came from Britain, three from the United States, although only one was born there, and one from Belgium, while Sweden accounted for an unprecedented number of three Dr Gierow said that "in this world of ours, truth is not always greeted with pure pleasure". But he hoped the laureates.

Professor Anthony Hewish of Britain, the joint winner of the 550,000 kronor (£55,000) physics day was not far off when 550,000 kronor (£55,000) physics frontiers were merely lines on prize with his colleague, Sir "Your presence here today Royal, was the first to receive doesn't mean frontiers have at his medallion. He also received last been abolished. You are now that of Sir Martin, who was

unable to attend because of illness.

The two British scientists were praised for their "epochmaking" contributions to the new science of radio astronomy. Professor Hewish, discoverer of the pulsars, smiled as a magnified sound recording of these radio signals from the stars was played into the hall.

Professor Albert Claude, a Belgian - American, Professor George Palade of the United States and Professor Christian de Duve of Belgium, were described as largely responsible for the new subject of cell biology.

praised for his work in molecular science.

The Paris policemen are dis-

contented with their lot—pay, work conditions, the public's frequent animosity, and with how they are employed by the

The biggest of their profes-

The biggest of their professional organizations, the nonpolitical Autonomous Police
Federation led by M Gérard
Monate, today launched its first
demonstration. Devised to remain strictly within the law as
the police cannot strike, it is
meant to signal clearly to M
Poniatowski, the Minister of
the Interior, and the public at
large that their patience is
running out.

By this afternoon 4,000 police-

By this afternoon 4,000 policemen from the Paris region had

gone solemnly to sign a petition to the minister at union head-quarters, dressed in civilian clothes and before going on the

beat.
A Paris policeman with

Paris police want better

From Our Own Correspondent several years in the force earns on average 3,000 francs (about

working conditions

After wards came Sweden's joint 1974 literature prize-winners, Harry Martinson and Eyvind Johuson, and finally the two winners in economic science, Professor Friederich von Hayek and Professor Gun-

nar Myrdal.-Reuter and AP. Oslo, Dec 10.-Both rythmical jeers of "shame on you" and applause greeted King Olan and the royal family as they arrived here for the traditional Nobel peace prize ceremony.

The prize-winners, Mr Eisaku de Duve of Belgium, were described as largely responsible for the new subject of cell biology.

Professor Paul Flory of Stan-Minister of Ireland, avoided the demonstrators by entering the ner of the chemistry prize, was university building in central Oslo through a back door to accept their awards.

£280) a month. One of the pay

demands is for an extra 400 francs a month for those who

Faced with a rising crime wave, they are demanding an increase in the capital's force of

23,000 policemen, pointing out that some new suburbs with 30,000 inhabitants have only one policeman on duty at night.

But the most serious side of the problem is police discontent with the way they are employed.

It was brought into the open today by the second biggest police body, the General Police Union which complained about the "partisan" use of the force. "We are brought out to intimidate when we ought to be applied to the partisation."

employed to give the public a sense of security", it said.

#### Labour attitude to EEC budget attacked by MP

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Luxembourg, Dec 10 The British Labour Govern- scious of the fact that un ment's attitude to the EEC procedures agreed w budget was attacked at the Council of Ministers, th European Parliament in Luxem- a bigger say in the al bourg today by Mr Russell of Community funds. Johnston, MP for Inverness, as Ironically, one of spokesman for the Liberal clashes between Parlian

Turning to MPs from other the budget is voted on, countries, he said: "The Com- on a Conservative-si munity will never work if it amendment asking that that you get back the same amount of money that you put

"The view of the British Government appears at the moment to be: 'we will take as much as we can get, and give as little as we can', but that is not the view of all the British political parties and it is not the view

of the British people."

Mr Johnston welcomed early reports from Paris that the summit conference had reached agreement on the regional fund for which the European Parliament had pressed for many years, but he added a warning that unless its allocation was

based on objective criteria, the exercise would be valueless.

West Germany and The Neeberlands had done reasonably well within the Community so far, but the future was unpredictable. When the United Kinedom came to benefit from North Sea oil it ought not to say "No" to others who might need help. Regional policy must be a Community policy, otherwise the countries of Europe would plunze back into the nationalist internecine warfare

seen in the past, he said.
Other delegations, notably the "We want a police force which is modern, new style and above all preventive", signatories of the petition today said. to congratulate him after The MPs continued the on the Community bud Ironically, one of

the Council on Thursda precautions at a E atomic research station

Herr Heinrich Aigner German Christian Democ is rapporteur for the committee, said that it credible that the Cou turned down this requ Parliament must stand Mr Peter Kirk, the l-

the Conservative de said today that if the Con did not provide the mo resulted in workers being from the effects of r there would be an outc the council and the Par In fact, the Conserva

fulfilling a role which MPs could have undertathey been in Luxemb defending the interest workers against the thoughtlessness employers.
In the background of

pute is the belief of m and ministers in Europe research station in Ital be closed because it n gives results that reckoned value for mo there are political I which deter the Coun making a clear-cut deci instead the allocation is being reduced.

Parliamentary report

#### Two found guilty of explosion at British club

From Our Correspondent Berlin, Dec 10

The prosecution asked today for a 10-year prison sentence on Willi Rather, aged 31, and an eight-year term for Verena Becker, aged 22, after both were found guilty by the West Berlin court of Causing an explosion at a British yachtchub, and the death of a German employee, on February 2. man employee, on February 2,

accused present in court. They turbed proceedings when the trial opened on October 1 and were barred from the cour-

which the two belonged decided at the time to place a delayed action bomb on the terrace of the yacht club as a follow-up to demonstrations in support of the IRA.

#### Freedom trip in sealed truck

Herford, Dec 10.—A Roman-ian youth of 19, who had travelled for seven days in 8 sealed railway goods truck, was discovered yesterday in a shunting yard near Herford in West German, it was reported today He had crossed Czechoslovakia

From David Cross Brussels, Dec 10
Mr Fred Peart, the Minister

of Agriculture, made it clear today that he regards the EEC's key element in the Labour Government's attempt to reship terms. This is because the European

incomes.

subsidy scheme for beef farmers as an alternative to the EEC's traditional price support system is one of the principal changes Mr Peart has been demanding as part of the "renegotiation of the common agricultural

# Britain critical of farm price pla

latest farm price review as a negotiate Community member-

Commission's plans for average farm price increases of 9 per cent from next February are linked to suggestions that beef farmers should receive special premiums to supplement their The establishment of a special

Nevertheless, as Mr Peart explained to his colleagues during the closing stages of a two-day meeting of ministers of agriculture of the Nine, the Commis-sion's new plan for a fixed premium of £15 a head for high quality cattle did not go far enough towards meeting British requirements. It would not be "a sufficiently effective method of maintaining producer returns in those countries (like Britain) which do not operate the Com-He had crossed Czechoslovakia munity's system of permanent and Bast Germany, living on intervention", he added.

He would prefer, he said, a

system of variable premiums to ensure "firm average returns according to a seasonal scale of sliding prices". Such a system would encourage greater beef consumption and reduce pressure on the Community's beef rises for many an tries, which is the system of the community's beef rises. Which is the system of the community is the system of the community is the system.

stockpiling scheme. In fact, Britain is already operating a system of variable subsidies under a special scheme agreed by the Nine last month. But these arrangements, which were accepted by countries like France and Ireland grudgingly because of their resemblance to the deficiency payments system operated by the British before

EEC membership, are due to expire at the end of January. Mr Peart also criticized other elements in the Commission's farm price proposals, particularly some of the higher increases, which he felt were in

most cases over-generous. Citing proposed increases of 10 per cent for dairy products and higher rises for most cereals, he said the Community must be very wary of price rises which might aggravate inflation for consumers and producers alike. He was particularly concerned about the cereals sector, because high prices could produce more surpluses and put up livestock

producers' costs.
Other member states, led by the West Germans and the French, concentrated their attacks on the Commission's suggestion that the common agricultural policy should be

streamlined by reduci

Cuts in these taxe effectively mean low rises for farmers in V tries, where currencies creased in value, as

money for producers it Herr Josef Ertl, the man Agriculture Minis it was unfair to pen farmers because ene construction costs wer in his country then e It was also illogical t that increases should b in those countries whe flation rate was high in parts of the Co where inflation was ru lower level. The French said th

fundamentally opposed der tax changes for a n reasons, not least bec future changes in th of the franc would recther border tax adjust The French also mad that they wanted high

increases for dairy and ducts and lower rises fo The Commission's prot 4.5 per cent increase in anteed minimum price was particularly disar

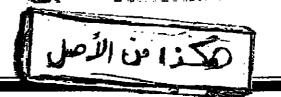
they said.
At the end of tod round of discussions price review, the agreed to meet again January for at least tw sessions.

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# THE OIL GONZALEZ BYASS

#### ANC official forecasts renewal of talks with Rhodesia regime

Salisbury, Dec 10

Dr Gordon Chavunduka, secretary-general of the Afri-can National Council (ANC), forecast here today that there may soon be further talks beriveen the black Rhodesian nationalist leaders and the Rhodesian Government. He arrived back in Salisbury last night from Lusaka, where he artended a week of abortive talks aimed at finding a solu-tion to the Rhodesian settlement problem.

Dr Chavunduka said the black leaders at the talks had been surprised when the Rhodesian Government rejected the idea of a constitutional conference with immediate majority rule as a precondition. He emphasized that this had been laid down as a "starting point" and the way was open to negotiation.

"What we want to say is that our objective is to achieve majority rule in Rhodesia. This is where we begin at the conference table.

"Mr Smith has already stated his position as well. He does not want to see the lowerdoes not wanted to the conference now to examine both and see where comproboth and see where comprobations has made and concessions of the conference now to examine both and see where comprobations are the conference of the conf

It was for this reason that there would sook be another contact between the nationalists and the Government to find a fresh starting point for today, Mr Smith said entered a namonanst pact with the banned Rhodesian nationalist parties.

In a television interview made public in Salisbury today, Mr Smith said he did be in the large the door had been further negotiations. Chavunduka believed

Salisbury on Sunday, where "I believe we must always either he or Bishop Muzorewa, keep the doors open. We must the ANC leader, would report communicate", the Prime on the Lusaka talks.

Minister declared.—Reuter.

Dr Chavunduka's remarks Dr Chavunduka's remarks were endorsed by another ANC official, the Rev Henry Katchidza, who returned with him from Zambia. The Secretary-General said that Bishop Muzorewa and the other nationalists, including Mr Joshua Nkomo and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, were due back in Salisbury tomorrow or on Thursday.

on Thursday. Salisbury, Dec 10.—Dr Chavunduka rejected the asser-tion by Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, that President Nyerere, of Tanzania, had been instrumental in the breakdown of last week's talks.

This is not true, Mr Smith is misinformed. In fact, Dr Nyerere made a lot of sacrifices to be in Lusaka for the talks when pressing things could have kept him at home", Dr Chavunduka said. When asked about the Rho-

When asked about the Rho-desian nationalist demand for majority rule to be the basis for constitutional conference talks, he said this was decided upon as the "maximum bid", but it was regarded as negoti-able. "When you go into talks you always put your bid high. It is from this point that the negotiations begin."

not believe the door had been shut on a settlement of the sour on a settlement of the constitutional issue, which he to call a meeting of the ANC executive, probably in Salisbury on Sunday



of South Africa's first armed black infantrymen who will become instructors in a black corps

#### High living worries Mr Vorster

From Fred Emery

Washington, Dec 10

The increasing demand by white South Africans for excessively luxurious homes is caus- quarters of the year indicated ing Mr Vorster's Government that South Africa was experi-

some misgivings.

A report dealing with infla-tion from the Prime Minister's economic advisory council has noted that only half of a 25 per cent rise in building costs over the past year can be attributed

Dr Armand Hammer, chairman of the Occidental Petroleum

Corporation, was today directly

implicated by Watergare special

prosecutors in the criminal

offence of using others' names

Nixon's re-election committee.

It was alleged the contribu-tions, given both before and

after the 1972 election, totalled

investigation". However, in court today it was Dr Hammer

who was formally alleged to have caused the offence to which

for more spacious and luxurious features in their homes. The level at which manufacturing about this tendency because it meant capital and labour were drawn away from more production. Solichurer on the connection of the high attention of the high level at which manufacturing baths are becoming the thing", the report says one seating six people cost rand.

the economic report, Mr Vorster said last night that the rate of growth in the first three encing one of the best growth years in its history. A rate of growth of 8 per cent, or more, in the gross national product was expected which would be one of the highest in the world

drawn away from more productive applications, thus adversely situation in Rhodesia, published in today's Rand Daily Mail, contends that the cost of living for whites is lower in Rhodesia than in South Africa. In spite of sanctions, a bad overseas press and political despondency, says the report, Rhodesia's economy is growing faster than South Africa's, and 1974 is expected to be a

record year.
In a detailed look at various aspects of the cost of living the report notes that the Rhodesian building society mortgage rate to increases in the cost of labour and building material.

The main reasons were the is 71 per cent—one of the lowest in the world. The cost of building material.

The rest has been due to the demand by the white population in the mining industry 2,380 rand (about £1,485); and

Noting that there is a su of unskilled African labou report says an average mowage for a housemaid coberween 23 rand (about 51 29 rand and for a gardenes

On the detrimental the report says the Rho housewife is almost resig-doing without luxury foo people are lucky to get a of imported whisky of month, at from 5.77 ran-The price of a 9 cu ft reftor is put at 380.30 rand and a four-plate aut cooker 476 rand. Seven pean makes of car are s

#### Dr Kaunda rebukes paper for hasty disclosures

bian newspaper for carrying attempt. details of the recent negoti-ations for a Rhodesian settle-ment, against his wishes, the requested editors of our newsgovernment-owned

Daily Mail reported today.

The President was apparently referring to The apparently referring to The nothing should be published on the Rhodesian issue.

The London-based Lonrho organization, which reported brief details of the secret diplomacy that led to the settle-ment talks were very

Lusaka, Dec 14.—President press reports which may jeo-Kaunda has attacked a Zam- pardize the chance of a future

Zambia papers to cooperate with the av. Government and I further

went ahead and disclosed the whole current issue on the Rhodesian situation." The present talks were very

ment talks last week.

The Zambian Government, concerned labout any breakdown in the effort to reach a settlement of the dispute, is anxious to prevent premature

The present talks were very delicate and dangerous and if mislandled could create serious problems and loss of life, Dr Kaunda was quoted as sayanxious to prevent premature ing by the Zambia Daily Mail.

#### S54,000. Dr Hammer was not formally charged today. The Watergate special prosecution said only, when asked about his case, "the entire matter is under active

one Occidental vice-president pleaded guilty. Mr Tim Babcock, who was Republican Governor of Montana before joining Occidental International, a subsidiary of the main corporation, admitted,

# names of five others, including himself. Also, he admitted that between September, 1972, and June this year he "did aid and

abet Armand Hammer in the commission of the offence . . .". The court documents setting forth the transactions in which Mr Babcock is now convicted, to make contributions to Mr and under obligation to testify for the prosecution, if required, did not disclose whether the other men who allowed their names to be used were also

Occidental officers. It was also left unstated for what purpose the "represen-tative" of the finance committee of the Nixon campaign accepted the funds, especially those given in January, 1973. Mr Maurice Stans, committee finance chairman, is also stated by the Watergate prosecution

in the public eye because of his promotion of trade deals with Russia, beginning during Lenin's time, and he is by far the main corporation, admitted, the most prominent business-in return for a guilty plea to a man to be associated with the lesser charge, to making contri- Watergate prosecutors.

His spokesman in Los Angeles said Dr Hammer was "somewhere" in western Europe at the moment. Meanwhile, both houses of

Congress have now passed a bill providing that the Government should take all former President Nixon's papers and tapes into their custody. Under its provi-sions, the archives' ownership will be decided by the courts but the agreement reached be-tween Mr Nixon and President Ford, under which they were to be handed over to the former president, who would eventu-ally have the right to destroy

them, has been abrogated. The bill passed both houses by voice vote yesterday and was sent to the White House. The timing is important: Congress will adjourn on December 20 or 21 and unless a bill reaches the before an adjournment it can be killed by his "pocket veto."

If the ten-day period allowed to the president to examine legislation overlaps into a Congressional recess, a presiden-tial "pocket veto" then means it could only be revived with a completely new bill.

#### Oil man implicated in election gifts US preview of China exhibition cancelled

From Our Own Corresp Washington, Dec 10

The National Gallery in Washington abruptly celled the press review China exhibition in the hours of this morning Chinese liaison office is manded that reporters Nationalist China, South Israel and South Africa be excluded from the p which was due at 10 am.

The gallery said that's so would be contrary policy for such occasion without incident in a nui countries, including Francountries, including Francountries, including Francountries, will open form Friday. Mrs Betty Form of the President, will adding to mark the opening the White House control of the White that she would still go

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opposed any official reco of Taiwan and has alwa ferred North Korca South Peking voted for pulsion of South Africa f United Nations last mor eral Assembly and for gi Palestinian Liberation O zion observer status i - 💥

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#### Muhammad Ali is received by **President Ford** From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Dec 10

Official amends to Muhammad Ali, the world heavyweight champion, reached some kind or climax today when he was received in the Oval office by President Ford. The boxer jested that he might be in the running for the Presidency. It is not long ago that he was stripped of his title for daring to raise a religious objection to being conscripted to fight His first yindication came at

His first vindication came at the hands of the Supreme Court. Today all three branches of Government completed the

From Our Correspondent

Tel Aviv, Dec 10
Mr Rabin, the Israel Prime
Minister, told the Knesset in
Jerusalem today that Israel's

guidelines in seeking a Middle

East settlement were the state-

ment of policy approved by Par-liament in November and not recent statements in news-papers. He was replying to critics who protested that Mr Rabin had softened Israel's

Mr Rabin denies softening

peace settlement terms

#### Mr Healey has talks with Saudi ministers

Amman, Dec 10.-Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, today met Shaikh Muhammad al-Awadi, the Saudi Arabian Commerce Minister, Riyadh

Mr Healey arrived in the political capital yesterday for three days of talks expected to concentrate on ways of re-cycling oil revenue.

The radio said he also met Mr Hisham Nazer, the Minister of State for Planning. It gave no details of either meeting. Yesterday Mr Healey had talks with Prince Musaad ibn Abdel-Rahman, the Saudi Finance

United States instead of a pro-

clamation of non-belligerency and that Israel might agree to "military negotiations with political implications", instead of talks on the political level

An aide to the Prime Minister

claimed later that Mr Rabin's statement in the interview had

not contradicted government policy. He said Mr Rabin had merely "qualified certain

Mr Menachem Begin, the Opposition leader who proposed the full-dress debate, said Mr Rabin had been "lightheaded and irresponsible" in declaring

Israel wished to drive a wedge between Syria and Egypt. This statement had closed that possi-

phrases ".

#### **Americans and Russians** in UN 'tyranny' clash

From Peter Strafford New York, Dec 10

The Soviet Union has made a sharp reply to criticism from the Americans of the "tyranny of the majority" at the United Nations.

Mr Yakov Malik, the Soviet representative, said last night that the United States and its allies had no grounds for complaint because for years they had dominated the United Nations themselves.

longed to the mechanical majority were quite silent about it. Solutions were forced on us in those days ruthlessly and with-out taking minority opinions into

account."
Mr Malik's remarks, made during last night's debate on Korea, were the latest salvo in a dispute that has broken out over the decisions of this year's session of the General Assembly. It began last Friday with a Western countries, though none strong speech from Mr John of the others has put it so Scali, the American representative, when he accused the Assembly majority, consisting largely of developing countries, of disregarding the views of the

an arbitrary disregard of United Nations rules, even of the Charter". He spoke of "unenforceable, one-sided reso-lutions", which "destroy the authority of the United Nations". He gave warning that Americans, who had made a great contribution to the organization, were now ques-tioning their belief in it.

"The function of all parliaments", he said, "is to provide "I personally am a victim of the tyranny of the majority", Yet, when the rule of the Mr Malik said. "I objected, I majority becomes the tyranny complained, but those who be will cease to respect or obey it, and the parliament will cease Every majority must recog-

nize that its authority does not

extend beyond the point where the minority becomes so enraged that it is no longer willing to maintain the coven-ant which binds them." Mr Scali's remarks reflect the concern of many of the Western countries, though none strongly. They stem from deci-sions taken earlier this year at a special session on raw materials, and also from majority decisions this autumn against South Africa and Israel.

#### Kenya minister fined for threat Nairobi, Dec 10.-Mr Paul

Ngei, Kenya's Minister for Local Government, was fined £130 in a magistrates' court today after admitting that he had threatened to shoot a Nairobi business-

The threat was made on November 17 after Mr Ngei's car collided with one driven by the businessman, the court was told.—AP.

#### Mr Onassis wants to giv up Olympic Airways

From Our Correspondent Athens, Dec 10 Mr Aristotle Onassis, the shipping magnate, gave the Greek Government formal notice that he was relinquishing his exclusive concession for Olympic Airways, the national airline, which was due to expire

in the year 2006.

Mr Onassis, who is in New York, communicated his decision by bailiff to the ministers of Coordination, Finance, and Transport. He invoked an article of the contract allowing him to give it up without explaining his

The crisis in Olympic Airways The crisis in Olympic Airways was due to the energy crisis and a decline in tourism which caused the company a loss of about £15m this year. The airline was crippled by strikes when it attempted to trim its settle all assets, as well: finances by suspending some of the staff and laying off 250.

To end the strikes, t ernment stepped in retroactive decree pro all public utilities en 5,000 people or more dismissing staff withouting the Ministry of )

The Government requi

Olympic's aircraft for d routes on Friday to carr their constituencies plebiscite on Sunday, Sir some erratic schedule operated but Olympic guits international flights. Under the terms of tract, originally signed i 1956, the concessionair

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#### Male marijuana smoker: develop breasts

From Our Own Correspondent

medical school say that some men who smoke marijuana heavily develop full female breasts. They report that they are treating 16 such-cases. The only way for those affected to stop the

to remove the breasts, they say, and one man has had three such tate removal of the entire breast. There is no scarring or disfigurement."

The breast growth only in a very small per of people who smoke ma but it seems to affect bo and women. Digitalis. th

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#### If you've got yourself a place at university, you could get yourself a place in the Royal Navy. terms in an interview published last week in Hagretz. Mr Rabin did not answer Every year the Royal Navy pays a number of selected students £1.473 a year to attend Opposition hecklers who pressed him to confirm or deny the report that he indicated Israel would pull back in Sinai in consideration for discreet university. To qualify you must have, among other things, Egyptian commitments to the

a place on a full-time degree course.

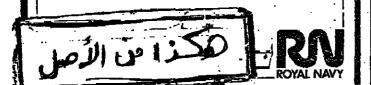
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#### Historian ends hunger strike

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Moscow, Dec 10.—Valentin Moroz, a jailed Ukrainian historian, has ended a 20-week hunger strike after the authorities promised to ease his conditions in Vladimir prison, east of Moscow, according to sources close to the family. They said today that Mr Moroz had written to his wife Raisa to tell her that he began taking food on November 22. Last month, Mrs Moroz said after a visit to Vladimir that her husband was dangerously ill, and had threatened suicide if

in Soviet prison

there was no answer to his According to the sources, the prison authorities had promised that Mr Moroz, aged 38, would not be returned to solitary confinement, where he had been for two years before declaring his hunger strike on July 1 in support of demands to be moved

a labour camp.

#### Soviet envoy meets Jewish women

A rare mark of favour was shown to 400 Jewish women who marched to the Soviet Embassy yesterday to demand the release of Jewish prisoners of conscience in Russia. The Second Secretary agreed to talk with a small delegation, includ-ing Mrs Sylva Zalmanson, wife of the imprisoned Russian

Soviet labour camp, but was released in August this year and now lives in Israel. Her husband, who originally was sentenced to death for alleged high treason in 1970, had his sentence commuted to 15 years' imprisonment after inter-national protests. Her two brothers also are serving long prison sentences.
Speaking through an interpreter, Mrs Zalmanson said

being observed in the Soviet Union; but she felt, that in spite of the negative answers, the fact that the Second Secretary bad agreed to speak to her did perhaps provide some small ray of hope. Yesterday was Human Rights

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The plight of Russian Jews

and other Soviet dissidents was the focus of several demonstra-tions in London. A typical case cited was that of the Jewish Korenfeld family of Moscow. The father, aged 51, a mechanical engineer, and his wife, an English interpreter, both lost their jobs after applying for exit visas in 1971. Their eldest daughter, Lud-

after yesterday's interview at milla, was expelled from the the embassy that she had been Moscow Institute of Electronic given no promises. She was Machine Building and is now

#### working as a secretary. She celebrated her twenty-third birthday yesterday by starting a fast. Her 11-year-old sister recently suffered a nervous breakdown. Another Russian Jew, Dr Mikhail Shtern, who is on bribery and swindling charges,

the family's sole wage earner.

is due to go on trial today. The trial has already been postponed twice and at one point was planned, ironically, to take place on Human Rights Day it-

Mr Victor Feinberg, the dissident who came to the West earlier this year after being released from a Soviet prison, led a demonstration of representatives of the European Liaison group—political exiles of 14
East European states and
national groups—to the Soviet
Embassy before going on to
protest outside County Hall,
where a reception was being
held by the Greater London Council in honour of a Soviet

New York, Dec 10 Two surgeons at the Harvard

process is to give up smoking They have operated on men operations. "This can be done quite simply", Dr John Harmon, chief surgical resident at the New England Deaconess Hospital, says. "It does not necessi-

The 16 patients are

Appointments Vacant also on page 27

#### thiopian fears of civil war grow ignitial squanders chance of ving nation popular government

s Ababa

eath of liberty and excitlopes of a new democratic e that were felt briefly ir this year have nearly peared as an almost ymous and hard-fisted ary junta has replaced injes . . 4 rchy.

th few of its old problems d, or even yet faced, this ay of 26 million people is beset with new or intensidifficulties, particularly hreat of widespread diss or even civil war.

mass execution recently ore than 50 members of ald Ethiopian elite was a shock to world opinion, sell as a tragic loss, A greater tragedy has been bas of a chance to replace bng stagnation of autocra-gudalism with responsible ar government.

he chance we had is prob-gone for good", an Ethio-said. "Even if we do get ilian government now, it probably be an extreme and authoritarian

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creased civil liberties within

series of strikes and protests, which allowed them to make use of their new liberties and to demand immediate amelioration of profound social and economic injustices.

There was also preoccupation with punishing members of the old regime, which had unquestionably ignored or condoned exploitation and social

injustice.
All this made day-to-day government difficult, and it made basic institutional reform vir-

tually impossible.

Meanwhile, confused developments were taking place in the Arny. The informal "soldier soviets" of February were discrepantly reliable reports, on several occasions units have attempted to "recall" their committee dier soviets of February were gradually welded into a more coherent committee representing military and police unity. Ethiopians call it Derg, a relatively new Amharic word for committee. Its full title in English is the Provisional Military Administrative Committee.

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not let anyone else rule, either."

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to appoint Mr Endal- Military Committee announced w Makonnen as Prime that its aims were "revolution ter and, at Mr Endalary". But it also suffocated the infant liberties that Ethiotution establishing parliary democracy and infew months.

The Provisional Military Committee—and the combat Although Mr Endalkatchew, units it is supposed to repre-

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Although Mr Endalkatchew, one of those executed by machinegum fire late in November. was a scion of a noble family, he said the right things and seemed to some people to mean them. He begged for a few months to carry out the promises, but he did not get them.

Urban Ethiopians released at last from the burden of a feudal system would not be patient, nor did they focus institutional reform. Instead, they erupted in an endless series of strikes and protests,

Units it is supposed to representation in a strong and time in a continuing power the energy and time in a continuing power the question of who should wield authority and how it should be wielded.

A bloody, and in one sense, decisive climax was reached when Major Mengistu and other committee officers quarrelled with General Aman, then attempted to arrest him as they had arrested so many others. He resisted and was series of strikes and protests.

One source of friction was

One source of friction was that General Aman wanted to negotiate with secessionist Etritrean guerrilla organiz-ations. His death and the decision of the junta to push reinforcements into Eritrea have apparently killed the chances of negotiations.

Nor have recent events even settled for certain the tensions within the Army itself. The members of the Provisional Military Committee are technically the elected represent-atives of the four Army divi-

representatives and even to dismiss some of them. Instead of accepting these summonses, the committee members have stubbornly stayed in their new headquarters in the Emperor's Grand Palace.

According to a report, Major Mengistu's wife and children were arrested and are still being held by the Third Divi-sion in eastern Ethiopia after his refusal to return to base for consultations.

It is also known that the leading faction in the Provi-sional Military Committee had obtained approval from combat soldiers for General Aman's re-moval as chairman—but not for his death, Nor is the Army as a whole, outside of Addis Ababa, tarred with the mass executions since it was not

apparently consulted.

The prediction, then, is that further upheavals, disagreements and possibly bloody clashes might well occur in the Times News Service.

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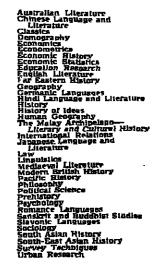
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Arthur Reed, of keley, California, ed to retire after 1 foundry.

#### import licence scandal From Michael Hornsby import licence affairs by the Delhi, Dec 10 Central Bureau of Investigation. The Government and Opposi-Acceptance of the offer, Mr tion both backed away today Desai said, was on the understanding that after perusing the

Delhi MPs avoid clash on

from a head-on collision in the Indian Parliament over the import licence scandal which bas severely disrupted legisla- own investigation of the affair weeks. It is clear, however, that the last has not been heard of

Mr Morarji Desai, the former Deputy Prime Minister who now sits on the Opposition benches as a member of the group which split from the ruling Congress Party in 1969, broke the deadlock by withdrawing an unprecedented threat to resort to civil disobedience on the floor of the

Speaking on behalf of other Opposition leaders as well as himself. Mr Desai accepted an offer made yesterday in Parlia-ment by Mrs Gandhi, the Prime years at work in an Minister, to allow them to examine "on oath of secrecy"

tive business for the past three irrespective of any court proceedings—a demand hitherto resisted by the Government. At issue is the alleged acceptance of bribes by 21 Congress

MPs in return for appending their signatures to a recommendation for the issue of import licences to a group of south Indian businessmen. So far charges have been brought against only one obscure Congress backbencher who was suspended from the party last

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One of the main targets of Opposition members during the furious debates in the house has been Mr L. N. Mishra, the powerful Railways Minister, who held the Poreign Trade the report of an inquiry into the

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#### Labour victory in St Vincent general elections

Kingstown, St Vincent, Dec 10.—The Labour Party gained power yesterday in St Vincent, one of the Windward Islands. It won 10 of the 13 House of Assembly seats in the general election in the self-governing

British associated state.

Mr Milton Cato, the Labour Party leader, who has been out of office for the past four years, is expected to form a govern-

ment next week.

The divided People's Progres sive Party, which had been in power since 1972, won only two seats. Mr James Mitchell, the Premier, retained his own seat. --UPI.

Teheran airport

disaster victim dies Teheran, Dec 10.—The death toll in the disaster at Teheran airport on Thursday rose to 17 when one of the injured died in bospital last night.—Reuter.

Mr Clerides later today.

that his administration did not recognize Archbishop Makarios as president.

rchbishop expects talks to start soon icosia, Dec 10.—President the three guarantor powers, months in the absence of the archbishop. He hoped to see

> Mr Denktash reaffirmed last night that the Turkish comwas aware of the problems munity remained in favour of ahead but declared: "I believe a federal solution to the Cypriot problem. Speaking after a meeting of his cabinet Mr Denktash added

> > "The Archbishop lost his presidential prerogatives after the coup of last July 15 and the events which followed it ",

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# in talks this week on Shrewsbury pickets

MR ASHLEY (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) asked when the Prime Minister next proposed to meet the TUC and CBI.

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Newcastleupon-Tyne, Central, Lab), answering during the Prime Minister's absence at the EEC summit, said-The Prime Minister has no immediate plans to meet representatives of the CRI but has arranged to meet representatives of the later this week to receive their views on issues relating to the Shrewsbury pickets. (Conservative shouts of "Oh ".)

MR ASHLEY-When the Prime because it is time they were made part of the social contract? Will he take up with the TUC the wel-fare of disabled people?

MR SHORT-Mr Ashley is pushing at an open door. Disabled people are an important part of the social contract. It is concerned with all people including those ability to work is impaired by age or disability.

TWILYM ROBERTS Cannock, Lab)—Will he advise the Prime Minister, when he discusses the matter of the Shrewsbury pickets with the TUC, that he should bear in mind the strong feelings on this matter which are felt on this side of the House?

MR SHORT—I realize that there are strong feelings. The Prime Minister has agreed to see the TUC to discuss the Shrewsbury pickets because the matter is no longer sub MR HEATH, Leader of the

Opposition (Bexley, Sideup, Ci-In the nine months since this Government have been in office and during the period of the social contract the rate of price increases has not worse and not better, wage inflation has got worse and not better, and the number of days lost through strikes has got worse and not better. (Conservative cheers and Labour protests.) The level of unemployment has also got worse and not better.

When are the Government going to introduce an effective economic policy and what is it going to be? MR SHORT-The Government policy, a policy which requires the support of everybody, including Mr Heath. (Labour cheers.)

MR HEATH-If the Government introduce the financial poli-

Minister to publish the evidence

which he intended to give to the

Royal Commission on the Press.

behind the social contract and stop knocking it on every occasion.

(Labour cheers.)
MR THORPE (North Devon, L)-Without dissenting from the view about the relationship of the Home Secretary and the exercise of the perogative in the matter of the pickets, may we take it that the Home Secretary's reply on November 13 will represent the view of the Government when the Prime Minister meets the TUC?

MR SHORT—This is entirely a matter for the Home Secretary. The Prime Minister has agreed to meet the TUC on this because these are trade unionrats in jail. (Conservative protests.)

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab) later asked—Has he read any of rather dull and stereotyped speeches of the Secretary of State for Education (Mr Prentice) recently? Would be not be better disposed using his time building more schools and replacing slum schools? Will be tell the Prime Minister, before he meets the IUC on the question of the Shrewsbury pickets, that it might be advisable to ask the Secretary of State for Education to give him a clearence certificate?

MR SHORT-On the Secretary of State's speeches concerned with domestic affairs of the Labour Party, no question of government lice arises. On his speeches dealing with government policy, those speeches do represent government

MR CORMACK (South-West) Staffordshire, C) later sought on-successfully to have an emergency debate on the decision of the Prime Minister to meet the TUC to discuss the question of the Shrews bury pickets.

MR ROY JENKINS. Home Secretary, in his reply on November 13 to three written questions about the Shrewsbury building pickets, said—

policy of phasing-out private beds from the NHS, the merits of an annual tax refond for those in patients scho did not choose to use the NHS.

Since the decision of the Court of Appeal on October 29 dismissing the appeals in this case, represen-tations about the sentences have been received from about 100 individuals and bodies, including the TUC. I have also received a deputation from among Labour MPs.

I understand that Mr Tomlinson and Mr Warren have now applied to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal against conviction to the House of Lords, and we must now await the results of the applications; but I must remind the House that the Home Secretary caused usurp the functions of the courts and should recommend in courts, and should recommend in-

support the Government.

MR SHORT—If Mr Heath wants to get the country out of its difficulties he should put his shoulder

Courts, and should recommend interference with sentences passed by the courts only on the basis of considerations which the courts have not been able to take into account. poses, none the less rely totally on the NHS in situations of accidents, emergencies, or other longer-term and more profound problems. Therefore as the service has to be financed out of taxation, it is

More evidence on the press MR TEBBIT (Waltham Forest, dence he has, and to stop his smear campaign against the press.

MR SHORT, Lord President of Chingford, C) asked the Prime the Council, answering in the Prime Minister's absence, said— Mr Wilson has said on a number of occasions that he thinks the appro-We should end (he said) this priate way to deal with this is to submit his evidence to the Royal Commission. I shall be submitting talk of a smear campaign by the press against the Prime Minister by

getting him to publish any evi-A BOUNTIFUL PRIZE BAG OPEN TO ALL

> number of closed wards and facili ties not available because of shortage of staff, and reflects on the dangers to mothers caused by pre-mature inducement of births because staff cannot be persuaded to fill 24-hour cover for maternity is the total in cash prizes in THE PUZZLER'S units, does she think this is the right moment to starve the hospital budget of the £30m contributed from the private side? cracking Christmas Competition, . The competition consists of two identical Jigwords, one of which is reproduced below. MRS CASTLE—This is the right moment for us to proceed under a phased programme, which we are negotiating, to make available to NHS patients the beds currently

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If the words are correctly fitted into the grid, the shaded vertical line will spell out half a proverb. The whole puzzle (i.e., both halves) appears in the December issue of THE PUZZLER magazine.

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#### Mr Wilson and TUC The relationship between a man and a woman

inition of cohabitation as it affected social benefits.

MR O'MALLEY Minister of State for Social Security (Rotherham, Lab)—What has to be a decision has to decided is whether the relationship between a man and a woman who live together is such that they are Lab)—This matter to be regarded as living as man and wife. (Laughter.)

MR HOOLEY-The application of this rule is causing great bitter-ness and bardship in many cases. Could be make clear to social security staff that their only concern is whether there is financial support between the one person and the other and any emotional relationship between the two peo-ple is no business of theirs? (Labour cheers.)

MR O'MALLEY-1 am aware of the concern in some auarters on the cohabitation rule. For that reason the Secretary of State (Mrs. Castle) has referred the whole question of the rule to the Supplementary Benefits Commission, who are considering it.

MR LAMONT (Kingston upon Thames, C)—Will he ensure that all documents giving advice to officials on the criteria they should use will be published? No secrecy

Getting best

of State for Social Services to consider in her consideration of the

MRS CASTLE (Blackburn,

Lab) -No. In my view this would

MR STEEN-Will she consider

giving patients who choose to take

medical treatment in private hos-

MRS CASTLE—It is a tunda-

mental principle of the NHS that its services are available to all people in this country who need them. Many patients, who seek

private treatment for the same pur-

MRS DUNWOODY (Crewe, Lab)—Will she accept the sugges-tion, provided all private patients

pay a considerable levy towards

state system who treat them as private patients? The Government should make sure the private sec-tor contributes to the amount of

earmarked for private patients, the occupancy rate of which is well

below that which it ought to be, if we are to have the full use of

MR LYON, Minister of State

Home Office, said in a written

reply-Fines outstanding on June

reply—Fines outstanding on June 30, 1974, were £11,731,689. Corresponding figures going back for the five previous years were £9,718,428, £7,495,932, £6,595,828, £5,434,049 and £4,270,434. These figures, which exclude inner London, include all fines, fees and fixed penalties then outstanding, whether or not the time allowed for payment had expired.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords Today at 2.30: Short debates on future of railways and on the Middle East. Debatable question on need to con-sorve the Atlantic salmon.

Today at 0.30: Dobate or capital pun-ishment. Social Security Amendment Bill, consideration of Lords amend-ments. Motion on EEC documents on collective dismissals.

House of Commons

Nearly £12m owed

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ley, Lab) asked what was the def-secret about what the criteria are. Supplementary Benefits Commission have published in the supplementary benefits handbook some of the major considerations which are taken into account when a decision has to be given on the

> MR LEADBITTER (Hartlepool. Lab)—This matter has gone on in this House for too long. Common sense tells us it is an irritant. The rule does not apply to men. Could he assure us that his department is determined to get rid of this obnoxious scheme as soon as pos-

MR O'MALLEY-There has been concern in the House for some years about the operation of but not until Mrs Castle become Secretary of State was anything done about it. This Government have acted and reterred Benefits Commission. It would be foolish to come to any conclusions before we have the detailed report and considerations of the commis-

sion. SIR GEOFFREY HOWE (East Surrey, C)—Are the Government prepared to act on the recommendation of the Finer Committee, following on the Fisher Committee, that at least where a woman has been drawing benefit for an estab-

MR O'MALLEY—There is no lished period and where she istion against women et about what the criteria are. denied the benefits, the benefits with the Equal Pa should remain in payment until the matter has been considered?

MR O'MALLEY-The Secretary of State has made a statement on the Finer Committee. It is sensible that the whole question of the rule should be considered when we have the detailed report of the Supplementary Benefits Commis-

MR KILROY-SILK (Ormskirk. Lab) earlier asked on what grounds the Secretary of State for ocial Services had extended the cohabitation rule to the disabled.

MR ALFRED MORRIS, Under Secretary to: Lie Disabled (Manchester. Wythershawe, Labi-i assume he is referring to the pro-

posals in the Social Security Bene-tits Bill relating to non-countbutory invalidity pension and invalid care allowance, under which woman who is living with a man as his wife would be treated in the same way as a married woman who is living with her husband, I am sure this parallel treatment is right

MR KILROY-SILK-Does Morris not malize that that is an unsapsfactory if not disgraceful answer? It demonstrates the male chanvinist assumption that only the man can be the breadminner. This is an unwarranted discriming-

with the Equal Pay Act and the Home Secretary's intention to in-

troduce an anti-discrimination Bill.
Will be ensure that in these proposals men and women qualify for
these benefits as of right related to
their disability and not marital status? MR MORRIS-I said this was

right in principle because it was arong to treat the cohabitant preforentially as compared with the married woman. As the Prime Minister has said, we readily accept there is a desire to make progress beyond the limits of these changes-the non-contributory validity pension and the invalid care allowance which we hope to introduce in the near future.

MR BOSCAWEN (Wells, C)-This universally disliked collabi-tation rule would have been totally redundant if the Labour Party bac followed the proposals of the Conservative Party in including the disabled housewife in the Bill they have put forward.

MR MORRIS—We hope to make provision for the disabled housewafe after the introduction of the non-contributory invalidity pen-sion and the invalid care allow-ance. The cohabitation rule is one titat applies all across the system It does not specifically apply in

#### Close scrutiny of powers in petroleum development Bill

The Offshore Petroleum Deve-lopment (Scotland) Bill was con-sidered in committee. On Clause 1 (Acquisition of land MR STEEN (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) asked the Secretary for purposes connected with offshore petroleum),

MR GRAY (Ross and Cromarty, C) moved an amendment to delete the Secretary of State's power to acquire land compulsorily.

He said that compulsion was

alien to those who came from his part of Scotland. If the compulsory element was retained the minister would have almost unrestricted MISS HARVIE ANDERSON (East Renfrewshire, C) said the compulsory element was unneces-sary. The Government were creat-

ing widespread odium by introduc-ing it into a Bill which all agreed pitals the use of some expensive equipment that is found in NHS hospitals? Will they be allowed to was necessary. By taking this extreme measure they would alienate a great many people.

MR MILLAN, Minister of State, Scottish Office (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab) said that it was an illusion to believe that the Government could carry out the purposes of the Bill without compulsory powers. The powers were essential. The expedited acquisition procedures hung on the compulsory pur-chase powers and the amendment would defeat the purposes of the Bill.

MR BUCHANAN-SMITH, Chief only right that everyone should contribute. Opposition spokesman on Scortish affairs (Angus, North and Mearns, C) said that Mr Millan had under-estimated the strength of feeling. The Opposition were concerned at the extent to which the powers could be used. If they were for a limited range of purposes he would not oppose them, but their purpose was not necessary to the Bill. The Government would be given a wider range of powers than they had had in the past.

MRS CASTLE—I agree. At the moment, the private patient is getting a good deal out of the NHS, not paying levy for all the benefits MR MILLAN said compulsory powers were necessary to make the clause effective. The amendment they enjoy, and continuing to get the best of both worlds. That is why we think something should be done about it. would go to the root of the Bill and make it less worthwhile, if not completely useless.

The amendment was withdrawn. MR ONSLOW (Woking, C)—
When Mrs Castle considers the MR GORDON WILSON (Dundee East. Scot Nat) moved an amendment which he said sought to define, if not restrict, the powers of the Secretary of State under the Bill. This was debated with related Opposition amendments and a Government amendment.

He said it was perhaps dan-gerous for Parliament to give a blank cheque to the executive by passing legislation which was in-sufficiently precise.

MR GRIMOND (Orkney and Shetland, L) said he supported the reasoning behind the amendments. The Bill which applied not just to coastal land, was extremely wide and anything which could narrow its scope would be welcome.

MR JOHN SMITH, Under Secre-tary for Energy (North Lanark-shire, Lab) said the Government had put forward an amendment which would restrict the powers of the Secretary of State on the acqui-

the problems faced by permanent residents in mobile homes.

MR CROSLAND, in a written reply, said—I have asked Mr Kauf-man, Under Secretary for the Environment, to conduct an urgent

departmental review of these prob-lems. This is being undermiced with the agreement of the Secre-tary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales. The terms of reference are: "To review, in consultation with in-terested bodies, the problems of mobile home residence and the

mobile home residence and the contribution that mobile homes make towards meeting the nation's

housing needs: in particular, to

sition of land for unfrastructure needed in related develop-ments. They hoped to meet some of the criticism.

The Opposition amendments would restrict the purposes for which land might be required to those specified in the Bill. That restriction would be excessive. They must consider the future of the oil industry when the Govern-ment might wish to be able to facilitate oil related operations such as service offices and storage facilities—by acquiring land. MR BUCHANAN-SMITH Said while he had a great deal of sym-pathy with Mr Wilson's amend-

ment, he would advise Conservative MPs not to vote but to wait and see what reply the Government gave to other amendments. The amendment was rejected by 193 votes to 18—Government ma viv 175.

MR ALEX FLETCHER (Edinburgh, North, C) moved an amendment to provide that the Secretary of State could acquire land for any purpose relating to the "extrac-tion" of offshore petroleum and not, as the Bill proposes, the "exploitation" of offshore petro-

He said that to describe the wide powers they were taking the Government were using unnecessarily wide words. The use of the word "exploitation" covered a multi-tual of prevations from oil refining to the algest kind of performed complex. It gave the Secretary of State powers quite outside the requirement to expedite the extraction of North Sea

MR MILLAN, Minister of Smith Scottish Office, said if the Bill was drafted in such a way as to imporinto it all the processes air Fletcher had described it would go well beyond what was intended the Government. He was advised it did not go anything like as far as Mr Fletcher felt but on the other hand it might go further than the Government intended.

To clarify the matter they had put down an amendment (which was considered with that of M: Fletcher) making it clear there was nothing in the clause which took it into the realms of refining our petro-chemical activities. Land would not be acquired for refineries under this clause.

Mr Fletcher's amendment was withdrawn.

MR GRIMOND (Orkney and Shetland, L) moved an amendment which he said made it clear that the powers in the Bill were subject to planning permission. This was considered with Conservative and Scottish National amendments Scottish National amendments on the same theme.

He said that one of the most

fundamental points of the Bill was that nothing in it excluded the need for planning permission. MPs had an obligation to make the Bill as simple and as clear as possible. as simple and as clear as possible, and it was not clear to anyone who read it as a layman that all of it was subject to planning permission. Many would think that the Government were being given

considerations involved; the terms and conditions on which pitches are let; and the problems of charges, security of tenure and ownership of mobile homes which may arise; and to advise the Secretary of State on legislative or other action which should be considered."

departments with responsibilities in this sphere, notably those of the Secretary of State for Scotland, the

Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Trade and the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection will be

associated with it as necessary

within my Department.

He will carry out the review

Inquiry into mobile home living

MR MARK HUGHES (Durham, Lab) asked what action the Secretary of State for the Environment intended to take to deal with

powers of compulsory purchase, sometimes in the expedited proce-dure, by which they could override the planning powers, and that was not the case.

MR MILLAN, Minister of State Scottish Office said it was not the intention of the Government to use the powers in the Bill to interfere on sites and in developments where satisfactory arrangements had been worked out and where they had been worked out on the basis of legislation taken by the local authornies. It was not true that the call in procedure would override the round planning more division. the normal planning procedure.

There was a fear that the Crown might acquire land and undertake development and override the con-straints of Planning Acts. These were groundless. ment of the sort in the Bill would be undertaken by private deve-lopers under normal conditions. If Crown development did arise i had been the practice, and would continue, to apply the procedures similar to those for normal planning applications.

The Government had been trying to devise a suitable amendment to deal with these points and would produce it before the report stage.
The amendment was negatived. MR FAIRBAIRN (Kinross and

West Perthshire, C) moved an amendment to remove the power of the Secretary of State to acquire housing compulsorily if it was need in connexion with offshore petroleum. It was considered with other amendments which would reduce the powers of compulsory accuisition. He said that under the clause.

the Secretary of State could acquise any part of Scotland, wherever it was, or the whole of Scotland, for any reason. It covers everything (he said). It says the Secretary of State may acquire any land for any purpose which satisfies any human need for anybody working on the exploration or exploitation of offshore

vetroleum. MR GRIMOND said housing should not be included in the clause without some restriction.

Nor should the term "sources of item for the motional find, a supplementary budget from the matter would be necessary. The budget must, by the treaty, be would up on Thursday and that would be impossible if an other for the regional find there. material" be included, because might include anything.

MR MILLAN, Muister of State, Scottish Office, said the purpose of drawing the clause in its wide form was that local authorities and others were worried that insuffi-cient attention was given to infras-tructure in the widest sense. That included means of access by road to the site. It included housing, it included the matter of where the materials came from.

If they were to have an expe-dited acquisition procedure and to use that procedure for the site itself, it would be remiss of them not to include these provisions. Otherwise, they might use the expedited acquisition order to get land for the construction of the site, and then find they could not be the construction of the site, and then find they could not be the construction of the site. get the land for housing the

workers.
The amendment was withdrawn.

He will also be seeking views from interested outside bodies, and in particular will take into account the continuing negotiations between representatives of mobile home dwellers and site operators over a possible model site agreement.

The review will not be directed at problems specific to the accom-

modation ofgypsy families nor to

holiday caravans. Some of the

work done may, however, be help-

ful in the consideration of the type

of problems arising on holiday sites, and the Secretary of State for Trade and the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Pro-tection will therefore be keeping in

close touch with the progress of the review.

ment.

leave to bring in a Bill to make it compulsory for all medicines which could be fatal to young

She said that the case for the Bill

Children were being poisoned every day that they delayed action. Thousands had been poisoned since last April when she first raised the matter. They all had to be treated

The Bill was read a first time.

#### Regional fund seen as an expression of **European solidarity**

Ministers, not a failure on the of the elected people but a to of the nationalist pressures found their fruition in the Cr

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said) and it will only come we have direct elections. Only

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He wished M Giscard d'E

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It was not the view of all political parties or of all people that they should much as they could and g

The establishment of a refund was at the heart of the of the Community. It was all

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LADY ELLES (UK, C) sa

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They could show their widemanding that money be so

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MR LENIHAN (Ireland,

said that some people in thought that MPs who came

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HERR AIGNER said he delighted with Mr joh, speech. Without solidarity would be no Europe, and the was an expression of that

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British Government had it declared at the permanent

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Luxembourg
M CRRISTIAN PONCELET, the French State Secretary for Econonic Aftairs and Finance, repre-senting the Council of Ministers and opening the debate on the final stage of the new procedure for considering the 1975 EEC budget said he was pleased that ideas expressed by the assembly and the Council were slowly coming together within the framework of the treaty. He could not say that all the difficulties had been ironed out by any means but substantial difficulties had been overcome. He was satisfied if, after the setting up of the new procedure. there might no longer be between assembly and Council difficulties

of a procedural nature apart from some technical hitches which could be taken up by legal experts. It would have been impossible for the Council to take final deci-sions on the regional fund a week before the summit conference, but this would be one of the first points taken up together after the summit. It had not been a minority which had blocked any of Parila-ment's proposals to the Council.

but always a unanimous decision. HERR AIGNER (West Germany, C-D) for the Budgets Committee, said that it was intolerable for Parliament not to be able to take its decisions because the Council had not taken theirs. This accounted for some of the major difficulties with which they had been confronted.

been confronted.
An amendment which had been suggested to die budget by the Energy, Research and Technology Committee, but rejected by the Council of Ministers, remained one of the most important points of dispute between Parliament and Council. The amendment said that appropriations in the budget were barely sufficient to meet staff sal-aries and to finance research acti-vities for four months. The Council bad allowed this to drag on. The

research programme was a black spot in the Community. M CLAUDE CHEYSSON, Commissioner for Community bud-gets, said that the Commission felt it was paradoxical that the nine member Governments, at the food congress in Rome, had stressed the pathetic situation in some parts of the world, but two weeks later the same Governments had rejected, without looking at them, modifica-tions on food aid approved by the

assembly.

This procedure had either been hypocritical or bad procedure. He preferred to believe it was the latter and that there would be a supplementary budget for food.

MR MICHAEL SHAW (UK, Scarborough, C) said that there had been a determination in the budget debates to avoid a head-on collision between Council and Parllament. This did not mean that there never would be, but it was important there should be no collision this year when they were plauting a tree and had to establish its roots so that it had the strength necessary to maintain the organization in the years to come. M PONCELET said he was con-

vinced that a supplementary bud-get would be necessary to deal with food aid. If Europe wanted to be a great and generous com-munity, it could not hold itself aloof from those who went hungey. Even if agreement in principle was reached at Paris on the regional fund, a supplementary budget for the matter would be necessary. The budget must, by the treaty, be wound up on Thursday tor the regional fund were now inserted, even in a "frozen" item, because there would rill need to be consultation about the allocations.

MR RUSSELL JOHNSON (UK, Inverness, L) said that the absence of an item for a regional fund from the budget was a measure of failure, but rumour had it that the summit had agreed on the estab-lishment of a regional fund on the basis of the Commission's propo-

not approaching the problem that point of view. They their contribution to be fair basis of gross domestic prod sals. The debate ended and a v The failure up to now to estab- the budget resolution will lish a regional fund was not that of place on Thursday morning.

#### Child-resistant bottles sought for medicines

MRS JILL KNIGHT (Birming-ham, Edgbaston, C) was given children to have child-resistant opening devices fitted.

was that many thousands of children were poisoned when eating or drinking medicines prescribed for adults. Children poisoned in this way were almost all under five and there were few over

and treatment was always painful and unpleasant. Doctors had recently warned that some children suffered long-term psychological disorders after the use of a stomach pump

#### No shortage ( funds for bomb victims

MR ELDON (Bury St Edmunds, C) ask Home Secretary if, in view Increase in criminal injuries cially those caused by terror ings, he will review the te reference and funds availa the Criminal Injuries Co sation Board.

MR ROY JENKINS said written reply—The Crimin juries Compensation Sche already being reviewed with to placing it on a statutory for In the meantime all victi crimes of violence, including injured in bomb explosion the dependants of those who died, may seek compet under the Scheme. No qu arises of compensation being held or reduced because of tage of funds.

#### Ghana plea for return of Ashanti Regalia rejected

LORD MONTAGU of BEAULIEU asked the Government case because a variety of other
whether, with a view to fostering
Commonwealth relations, they
for consideration. Commonwealth relations, they would use their good offices to facilitate the early return of the tioned the Government on this Ashanti Regalia to the Ghana matter and we have replied in

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS. Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs—The rega-lia is not at the disposal of the British Government. The majority of it forms part of the collections of the British Museum and the Wallace Collection. Neither body may legally dispose of these exhi-

LORD MONTAGU—These relics were originally war booty, cap-tured by the British Army. The Ashanti people have deep feelings about the return of these sacrosanct objects which are supposed to contain the soul of the Ashanti people. A special Act of Parlia-ment may be needed to release these objects from the museum. Will the Government facilitate the passage of such a Bill? ··LORD · GORONWY-ROBERTS—I

cannot give an undertaking that we will seek passage of such legislation, nor could I advise that we

Far-ranging implications may The Council of Chiefs have peti-

terms of my answer here. So far they have not commented on that answer. LADY LEE of ASHRIDGE (Lab)-When it comes to return-

ing booty from this country we should tread warily because it may turn into a striptease. (Laughter.) LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS-LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS—
Perhaps the term booty is not appropriate here. It is part of an indemnity agreed by the former King of Asbanti, the proceeds of which were devoted to compensation for dependants of British troops killed in horrific conditions in the part of the world at that in that part of the world at that

I sympathize with the motivation of the question—that we should do everything possible to promote an improvement in Commonwealth relations—but this is not the best LORD GISBOROUGH (C)— Would it be possible to keep the booty and return the soul?

LORD AVEBURY (L), moving the second reading of the Immigration Bill, said its purpose was to repeal Section 1 of the Immigration Act, 1968. Until the passing of that infamous and racist mea-sure citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies were exempt from immigration control. That obtained no matter how their citi-zenship had been acquired.

Apart from the immense damage done by the 1968 Act to individuals and families it had had scrious repercussions on Britain's standing with other countries. Cases had been presented against this country in the European Commission on Human Rights.

The true reason United Kingdom citizens had been shut out was not because there were too many of them but because they were the EARL COWLEY said Lord Ave-

It was significant that numbers only seemed to be used as a justifi-cation for immigration policies when they referred to non-whites.

bury sought to remove the distinc-tion between patrial and non-patrial United Kingdom passport holders and consequently get rid of the quom restrictions in the latter

require review of citizenship law If the Bill became law man or women of any nationality married to United Kingdom passport holders who would not even have to be resident in the United King-

dom would have the immediate right of abode in this country. Since Britain was both crowded and possessed a labour force which for the moment appeared ampie for its needs the Opposition believed that all permanent immigration must be restricted to the inescapable minimum. This could only be achieved by effective con-

The Bill was unwise especially because there had been few or no Government statements on their policy on immigration. LORD BROCKWAY (Lab) sald

that since the last war there had been only two years in which the number of immigrants to Britain had been greater than that of emi-grants. There were more immi-grants here from alien territories than there were immigrants from the Commonwealth.

Because of the restricted voucher system only 1,500 had been allowed to come here this year. Many Indians were destinate in Kenya and when they reached the voucher system they came to

Britain in a beggarly condition.

The system must be reviewed if it was maintained at all. Delays most be cut and humiliating interviews ended.

LORD HARRIS of GREEN-WICH, Minister of State, Home Office, said the Government had never made any secret of the fact that they were unenthusiastic about the concept of patriality or the right of abode as distinct from the right of citizenship introduced by the Immigration Act, 1971. But what divided them from Lord Ave-bury was how the problem of patriality could best be tackled. They had to be sure that they replaced it with a satisfactory

alternative. To seek to modify the law gov-To seek to modify the law governing patriality so as to give all United Kingdom passport holders the right of abode while leaving the law on citizenship undisturbed was not the right way to deal with this problem. The Government's view had always been that the only satisfactory surpresch was first to satisfactory approach was first to put this country's citizenship law on a proper footing and that any attempt to modify the concept of patriality in the meantime was

doomed to failure The Bill was negatived.

#### Change of immigration rules would Hint of Ulster grand committee

The draft Northern i (Various Emergency Provi (Continuance) Order 1974 at draft Financial Provisions ( ern Ireland) Order 1974

approved.
LORD DONALDSON of K BRIDGE, Under Secretar, Northern Ireland, moving th draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order approved, said it would in statutory limits on capital e: iture on some services and or ing of the Northern Ireland

LORD BELSTEAD (C) M the legislation which wou forthcoming the Secretary of should consider if such a should be looked at in No. treland between the time the drafted by government d ments there and the time they presented at Westminster. LORD DONALDSON of K. BRIDGE said that Mr Rees. ! tary of State, in conjunction Mr Short, Leader of the Com. was considering setting up was considering setting up kind of Northern Ireland Co tee. Details had not yet released, but if Ulster was I sented by its MPs on the cotee this might go some wanswering Lord Beistead's

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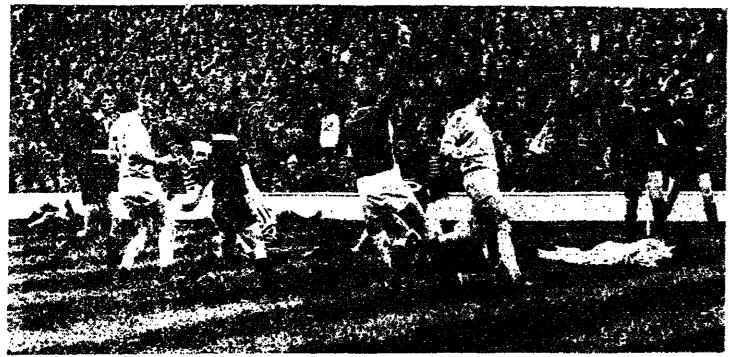
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Rugby Union



The climax of a profitable afternoon for Hignell as the full back goes over for Cambridge's second try at Twickenham yesterday.

#### Cambridge almost pay for their sins

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Oxford Univ 15 Cambridge Univ 16 Cambridge scored two good tries to Oxford's none in a redblooded university match at Twickenham esserday, so that, in the end, there was no doubt that justice there was no doubt that justice was served. But, though Cambridge launched attack after attack in the second half, their backs committed enough errors in the testing wind and the side as a whole sufficient sins in the eyes of the referce for the result still to be guivering in the halance. be quivering in the balance to be quivering in the balance until Mr Pattinson blew the final whistle with still about a minute of full time to go, and with no regard to extra time for several prolonged stoppages. Cambridge achieved their filtrd successive victory in this match by a goal, two penalty goals and a try to five negative goals. penalty goals.

Crossing over with a lead of 12-6, they first saw their advan-tage, for all their fierce pressure, eroded by Quinnen's third penalty goal. Having then stretched their lead again, with a try by their dashing full back, Hignell, when Glover was briefly off for repairs. Quinzen landed two further goals to whittle down the difference to single point.

Hignell went close with a penalty Hignell went close with a penalty attempt from 45 yards, Glover missed a drop shot for Oxford, but not by much, and Hignell pulled another kick after Waterman, whose catching otherwise had been immaculate, made his one error. The catalogue of near things is not yet complete. Hignell was caught and repulled at a was caught and penalised at a ruck after a solo charge from just outside his 25, and Quinnen's

kick, from 40 yards out, must have missed by almost a whisker. Onford might have had one last reprieve when Kent came out of the break. Too often, the last pass missed by almost a whisker. Oxford might have had one last reprieve when Kent came out of defence. The Cambridge cover was defence. Inc Camprings cover was not thick on the ground and with two men outside him, including the flying Burse, he chose to kick downfield. Thus venished Burse's one opportunity of banishing the memories of a raw, uncomfortable afternoon in defence.

Oxford must regret more bitterly that they declined to kick at goal, when the score was three-all, from a likely position on the Cambridge 25. It seemed a strange decision at the time and one that in retrospect might be said to have cost them

rictory.

The Oxford coach, leuan Jones, said afterwards they were surprised by the strength of the Cambridge pack which, through the two locks and Prart, an outstanding performer at the tail, won the second half lineouts by a street. Thomas was a great source of strength at close outsters. 100 close quarters, too.

It was just about level pegging in the right, where Campbell took the only strike against the head, but, apart from an initial Oxford onslaught that put Harding and Breakey on the rack, it was Cam-bridge who were forever going forward in the loose in the second half and providing a stream of possession from ruck or maul. The Cambridge failure fully to capitalize from it was not only a matter of faulty distribution. Harding did some excellent things but sometimes tended to run too far himself. Breakey by then had settled down after a torrid begin-ning in which he had his good moments but made errors under pressure that Wordsworth would have been unlikely to commit. By

went astray or was put down.

Hamstrung by a lack of primary possession, and thus unable to go forward and dictate events, the Oxford backs had little to feed on Oxford oacks had little to reed to the longer the gome lasted but to their credit were almost always ready to have a go. It was refreshing to see two sides in a university match wedded to enterprise and

The wind blew sharply from the south-west corner, swirling inside the stands to pose surprising questions, and a light drizate briefly was in the air as Quinnen struck the first blow with a 30 yards penalty goal that followed a furious ruck. Breakey found an opening, O'Callaghan aimost got to the line, and then Hignell kicked a penalty from close range. Cambridge mounted one attack from an Oxford put-in, won the ruck, changed direction and Wood followed his own kick ahead to nail Quinnen, from the maul, and another change, Harding fed Wood and Warfield stormed over on the last for Higgsly to kick a head. left for Hignell to kick a hand-some goal. Quinnen now missed what seemed for Oxford a crucial penalty shot from 30 yards, missed another from further afield, but then reduced the leeway when Cambridge stood too close to a short lineout.

After 10 minutes of the second half, Quinnen bit a post with another penalty kick, Cambridge were penalised in a ruck that left Glover to retire for 11 stitches in his temple, and Quinnen then made no mistake from bang in front.

Pratt set up the maul from a lineout that sparked the second Cambridge try. Breakey ran flat

on a dummy scissors involving both centres and the stylish Wood, though stopped by Waterman, was able to give an inside pass that set up Hignell for the last powerful thrust. No one had a more ex-citing or profitable afternoon than flignell, a scrum half who has taken to full back like a duck to water. A knock on by Breakey, another ruck offence, and Quinen kicked goal No four. Yet another ruck infringement, and Quinnen made his score 15. His eventual count was five successes out of 10—Hignell's two in seven. out of 10—Hignell's two in seven.
Thomas, the Cambridge lock, had three stitches for a head injury.
Mr Pattinson distributed pensities in a ratio of almost two to

Mr Pattinson distributed penalties in a ratio of almost two to one against the wingers. "It wasn't me", said the referee afterwards, "who was killing the ball in the rucks."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J. S. Waterman (inleverth 68 and 51 Catherino's: P. R. Asquith (Ciliton and Balliot). C. P. Kent (Blundell's and Worcaster. Captain., T. R. Glover (Lancaster RGS and Lincoh). R. Burse (Center, Kentucky and St. John's: N. J. Quinnen (St. Benedict's and Worcaster. Captain., T. R. Glover (Lancaster RGS and Lincoh). W. Mackenzie 'Wysgestian GS and Sindership (St. Benedict's and Wordann'). P. G. Grafff BS and Magdalen). P. G. Woodhee Baradord CS and Lincoh). R. A. Davis (Sydney University and Pembroke). P. L. Kyrke-Smith (Ellesmers and Worcaster). C. Shaw (Orangonleids and Ruskin). J. Taylor (Lancaster RGS and St. Edmund Hall). D. Macdonaid (Stuffenbusch University and University College). CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A. J. Hignell (Denstone and Fitzwilliam: J. L. Warfield (Halleybury and St. John's). G. S. Wood (Uppingham and Downing): N. Breakey (Feltes and Christ's). R. M. Harding (Milffeld and St. John's). S. K. Young (Raynez Park and Pembroke). J. W. Campbell (Daltaida GS and St. John's). T. M. R. Lintott (Blundell's and Christ's). D. R. Thomas (Lianchile GS and Christ's). B. R. R. Eddian (Tonbridge and Crist's. J. J. Hardey (Arnold and Filzwilliam). Reteree: K. M. Pattinson (North Midlanda: K. M. Pattinson (Nort

#### Scotland name manager for N Zealand tour

George Burrell (Gala), convener of the Scottish Rugby Union selection committee, has been appointed manager for Scotland's seven-match tour of New Zealand next summer. Bill Dickinson (Jordanhill), the national team coach—or as Scotland call him, "adviser to the captain"—will be assistant

manager. Burrell was assistant manager on Scotland's tour of Australia in 1970 and took charge of a party when Hector Monro (Langham). the manager, had to return home to contest the general election of

that year. Eastern Counties, south-cast group champions for the past two years, have been hit by influenza on the eve of their important county championship match against Years at Charham today, Their kent at Chatham today. Their first choice wings, Wyart and McKay, have both withdrawn from the team which needs to win to keep in the hunt for a semi-final Wyatt has influenza while McKay caunot get away from his business

Boxing

#### Ralston has chance to prove fitness

The England lock Raiston returns after a mooth's absence with a knec injury to lead Richmond against Rosslyn Park at the Athletic ground on Saturday. Raiston gets the chance to prove his fitness before England's final trial on December 21. He had to withdraw from the South-East team which bear the South-West in the first area trial at Roehampton last Saturday

Rosslyn Park will rely on the team that played Richmond a fort-night ago when the two teams last

Gordon Wood, the Cambridge University wing, will be in the Harlequins team against Bedford at Twickenham on Saturday. He takes over from Keith Jenkins with Paul Grant resuming in the centre after trial duty. Also back after the trial is Martin, who takes over from the 21-year-old Purdy as Whiting's partner at lock. London Irish will be without

their first choice scrum half Mahoney and the international lock Molloy for their match against London Welsh at Old Deer Park, both are taking part in an interprovincial match in Ireland. John Frost deputizes for Mahoney

The England lock Raiston while Carroll takes over from jury, retains his place in the back eturns after a month's absence Molloy in the second row. Spring row.

with a knee injury to lead Rich- and Lavery return at full back Moseley, with three players in and wing three-quarter.

A former Oxford Blue. Simon Davies, makes his first team debut for London Welsh. He receives his chance because the prop David Thomas is not available. This is the only change from th side which defeated Aberavon last

week.
Young, the Cambridge prop,
who played in yesterday's varsity
match, has joined London Welsh
and will have his first game for
the second team, the Druids, inst London Irish Wild Geese. on Saturday.

on Saturday.

London Scottish bring back the British Lions wing Steele, the centre Friell and the back row forward Frazer for their game against Wasps at Sudbury.

Holden, the Saracens' lock, has injured his back and misses the visit to Old Merchant Taylors'. His place will be taken by Gordon Morris, whose only other appear-ance for the first team was in the corresponding fixture last season.

Donaldson, who was a late inclusion in the side last week when Riddle pulled out because of in-

Moseley, with three players in the first regional trial at Headingley on Saturday, make four changes for their home game against Bristol. Maicolm Evans replaces Webster at scrum half and Michael Evans and Warren come into the pack in place of Horton and Grindle.

The other change is at flank forward where King is preferred to Green. The stand-off Cooper, games through injury, is still Ripley, the England No 8, has

withdrawn from the Middlesex team to play Hampshire at Richmond today. He has a damaged hand. His place is taken by McLean and another Harlequin,

Rossborough, Coventry's full back, is a likely withdrawal from the Midland team to play the North in an England area trial at Leeds on Saturday. Rossborough is suf-fering from a badly swollen jaw, following a knock during Coventry's knockout match with Brad-ford last Saturday.

Squash rackets

#### **Italian promoter offers** to stage Bugner's bout

The Italian promoter, Franco Bertolani, said today that the British match-maker, Mickey Duff, had successfully bid £13,500 sterling for the bout. Bertolani was ready to offer £12,500 to put it on the Boloma

In New York the world heavy-

Modern. Dec 10.—An Italian weight champion, Muhammad Ali, boxing promoter said today that received New York City's highest he was prepared to stage Joc Bug-civilian award when the Mayor, he was prepared to stage loc Bugner's European Heavyweight title
contest against Dante Cane, of
Italy, in Italy if it could not be
held in Britain.

The British Boxing Board, who
have one of their regular monthly
meetings tomorrow, are expected
to discuss whether Cane is a suitable opponent to challenge Bugner
in a British ring.

Civilian award when the Mayor,
Abraham Beame, presented tim
with the bronze medallion at a
city hall ceremony.
In accepting the medallion yesterday. All mentioned that he had
also been honoured by Chicago
several weeks ago and quipped:
"You gave me a bronze medaltion. Mayor [Richard] Daley's
was gold."

Afterward Ali toured Manhattan,

Afterward Ali toured Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx, visiting several schools. Talking about future bouts to a huge crowd which greeted him in Manhattan, Ali renewed his oft repeated challenge to meet George Foreman and lost English on the several sight for Joe Frazier on the same night for \$15m.—Reuter.

#### **Managers want Poison**

Accra, Dec 10.—David Polson, Ghana's new Commonwealth featherweight boxing champlon, is considering offers from British managers to prepare himself for managers to prepare himself for a future chance at the world title. Bobby Naidoo, a London-based journalist who attended Saturday's title bout against Evan Armstrong. of Scotland, as the official representative of the World Boxing Council (WEC) and a manager and the council (WEC) and Council (WBC) told a press con-ference that British managers,

whom he did not name, were in contact with American promoters about future contests for Poison.

Eoxing officials said the result of the championship bout would go into the record books showing that the referee stopped the contest in the tenth round, rather than as a knockout for Poison. The referee O'Hara lackson of Ghana. referee, O'Hara Jackson, of Ghana, started a count when Armstrong went down midway through the

#### Plea to lift ban on | New jockey for foreign players

Mitan, Italy, Dec 10.—Italy's largest newspaper, Corriere Della Sera, said today that imports of foreign players would be the only way of lifting Italian football out of the doldrums.

But it said this would hardly be acceptable at a time when Italy was suffering from inflation and unemployment. unemployment.

and unemployment.

Recalling that there were only 10 goals in Sunday's eight first division games, the newspaper said editorially the only answer to "this picture of general squalor" would be lifting the 1966 ban on imports of foreign

Attivo will have a new jockey in his next race at Ascot on Saturday. John Haine has been
booked to ride the four-year-old
in the SGB Hire Shop hurdle.
The trainer Philip Mitchell said
last night: "No disrespect to
Robert Hughes but he rides Attivo at work and walks him and we thought be could do with a change."

thought he could do with a change."

Hughes has ridden Attivo in all his five races over burdles. The combination won all their three races last season including the Daily Express Triumph hurdle but have twice been beaten this season by Comedy of Errors.

100k for spousorship.

When asked whether players from China would be invited to the championships, Mr Teh said that the application of China for affiliation to the world body would probably come up again at the IBF general meeting in London on July 1 next year.

#### Unfamiliar Egyptians play lively and collective role

By Rex Bellamy James Beattle, for one, will Squash Rackets Correspondent testify). But there are not many The British amateur squash rackets championship, which begins tomorrow at Wembley, will largely be a tribal gathering of the Khans, with Anglo-Saxons and a few sundries forming, as it were, a supporting cast. In a similar way 11 mostly unfamiliar Foundars a supporting cast. In a similar way 11 mostly unfamiliar Egyptians played a lively collective role in the two-day qualifying compedition, which ended last evening. They included a group of four managed by Kamal Zaghloul, a leading Egyptian player of an earlier generation. He explained yesterday that his country's present need was to sort out the new crop of players in the hope of finding an amateur team who might equal the standards set in his own day.

The trouble, as always, is that when Egyptians come to Britain for the first time they have difficulty in adjusting to different playing conditions and different

ing conditions and different interpretations of the rules—written and unwritten. One way and another they have caused quite a flurry in the past two days (as

Badminton

#### Malaysia take on big task for world event

Kuala Lumpur, Dec 10 .- The Badmiuton Association of Malaysia (BAM) have received the approval of the International Badminton Federation (IBF) to stage the third world invitation championships here from September 4 to 7 next year. It will cost approximately 250,000 Malaysian dollars to organize the championships and Mr Teh Gia Soo, the BAM secretary said that they would have to look for spousorship.

of them left. To enjoy the assorted flavours of the Egyptian game it will remain necessary (at least for a year or two) to watch the professional expertise of such players as Ahmed Safwat. players as Ahmed Safwat, Mohamed Asran and—when he is in the mood for a scamper—the former open champion, Abou Taleb. - South Africa, Sweden

Uganda are among the nations represented in the group of 27 players who have qualified for vacancies in the champiouship draw of 64. But Stuart Couriney has scratched and a few more of the 37 men who went into the main draw and on the stratches. the 37 men who went into the main draw are doubtful starters. So at least one of the original 100 players in the qualifying competition will earn a spare place as a "lucky loser". Whatever the final field, there will be a strongly cosmopolitan flavour to this first big tournament to be played in the new Wembley squash centre. But the flight to professionalism has inevitably left the field a little thin on top.

#### Cycling

#### W Germans hold slim lead in six-day race

Herring, Dec 10 .- The West German pair of Klaus Bugdahl and Dieter Kemper held a slim lead at the start of the final day of a stream of the start of the final day of a stream of the final day of a stream of the final day of the stream of the strea and trailed only by sprint points.

POSITIONS: I. K. Bugdahi and D. Keinper (WG): 2. F. Bracks and J. Slevons (Beigham): 3. O. Ritter (Denmark) and L. Deuryndam (Netherkad): 4. L. Mortensen (Denmark) and D. Puschel (WG): 5. N. Dean and R. Smith (GB), at seven laps: 6. A. Delha Torre and P. Algeri (Haly), at seven laps: 7. D. Allan and D. Parkins (Australia), at eight lays: 8. L. Loevisin and G. Fens (Beignum), at nine laps: 9. C. Pricm (Netherlands) and W. de Bosscher (Beignum), at nine laps: 10. P. Pedersan and N. Predborg (Denmark), at 11 laps.

Women's golf in Britain may soon go open, predicted Angela Bonallack at the annual meeting of the English Ladies' Golf Asso-

Football

#### World Cup star back for Velez

From Norman Fox Dubrovnik, Dec 10

This town of the old Turkish Empire, surrounded by mountains, gives the impression that it is still being well prepared for any inva-sion. Tomorrow, on a bumpy pitch in the shadow of one of the white hills, Velez, the entirely "nome hills, Velez, the entirely "home grown" local football team will attempt to bring history up to date by defending the formidable home record, and the local reputation of its invincibility when they try to recover from the 3—1 defeat they received at Derby in the first leg of the quarter-final round of the

Derby, according to their mara-ger, David Mackay, need only score one goal in the first half to seal the tie. Local feeling, and my own the tie. Local feeling, and my own impression, is that he underestimates Velez, especially as today we learnt that their leading player and Yugoslavia's best World Cupforward, Bajeric, will play after being out of action for several months through injury. He appeared in a league game last Sunday and was impressive, despite lack of practice. Added to that Derby have to play without Nich in defence. The strained ankle he received when he crashed into the wall surrounding the Derby pitch in the first leg is more serious than the club felt and he may not play again for several weeks. Thomas is likely to have a testing first European match, though Mr. Mackay says: "Anyone who saw him at Liverpool will know why I have no fears about him here."

Mr Mackay said: "We have been

I have no fears about him here."

Mr Mackay said: "We have been encouraging the side to play attacking football away but here we will have to defend. If we have to get kicked we will have to accept it. I have told the players I want no retaliation. The last thing I want is to be down to 10 men if the match should become physical. I would be delighted if the first half hour is goaliess. It will be a hard struggle but I'm certain we will struggle but I'm certain we will score a goal."

score a goal."

He feels that the match will be similar to the one in the second round when they played against the notorious Atletico Madrid without incident. He said: "We had no trouble with Velez until they got a goal, and then it got a bit rasty. I'm glad the player seut off at Derby, Glavovic, will not be playing." Probably it is a not be playing." Probably it is a good thing be did not hear one local supporter says: "We have a lot Glavovics."

Gemmill, the Derby captain, aid: "I think it could get rough, particularly if we score an early goal. But it's an important part of my job to make sure we keep control if we are provoked."

Mr Mackay and the players were not overimpressed with the Velez when the proposed with the velez with the proposed with the velez with the proposed with the velez with t pitch when they trained there roday. They said that there had been a lot of rain and divots had not been replaced. But rumours of the match being postponed are discounted. The first leg was played in conditions atrocious for both sides.

both sides.
The team that Mr Mackay an-The team that Mr Mackay announced today has been changed from Saturday's game at Liverpool, meaning that Bourne remains as striker with Davis as substitute. It has been Mr Mackay's timely use of substitutes that has taken Derby into the high circles of the elite names now left in the Uefa Cun which this season is stronger. which this season is stronger

Cup, which this season is stronger than the European Cup.
Velez began as outsiders but when they took an early lead against Derby they looked strong and skilful. In Yugoslavia they are widely respected. They have lost only one home game in nine and are especially popular as all but two of their players come from the Mostar region. Their pride matched against Derby's responsibility as Britain's last representative in the Uefa promises an interesting though tough game. an interesting though tough game. The return of Bajevic, called the "Prince of Mostar" and capped 32 times could make Derby's lead 32 times could make Derby's lead seem a siender advantage.

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Willie Brown, 24-year-old New-port striker has joived Brentford for £5,000. Brown, who has been on a mouth's Joan with Brentford,

#### Today's fixtures

Darlington last Saturday.

USE'A CUP: Third round (second leg): Velex Mostar v Darby County (3.0).

TEXACO CUP: Final (second leg): Newcasie United v Southampton (7.30).

SECOND DIVISION: Cardiff City v Fulham (7.30).

CHARITY MATCH: Collie v Benfica (8.0).

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Burkelmont v Surrey ist Hayward, Hasti, Sussox v Surrey (at Haywards Heath, 2.30). CLUR MATCH; Ebbw Vale v Maester (7.15).

Golf

#### petition for open golf

ciation in London yesterday. She said that a petition has been signed by 94 internationals from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France for women's golf to go Gillian Hickson, the chairman of

the Ladies' Golf Union, said: "We are willing to discuss with Mrs Bonallack and anyone else the question of open golf. The LGU are prepared to go fully into the idea and I am willing to ask members of my council to invite representatives of the Royal and Ancient to be in attendance at our next annual meeting in January." Mrs Bonallack said that women's golf would suffer unless something golf would suffer unless something was done to assist girl players.
"Many of the youngsters cannot afford the expense of playing in more than three or four events during the year. One way out would be for the up-and-coming players to be sponsored. Perhaps this is something that the LGU and R. & A could work out as soon as possible."

Mrs Bouallack continued: "It's

Mrs Bonallack continued: "It's time the R & A woke up and made it more lement for us.

#### Wigan expect an attendance of over 15,000 for Cup tie

By Gerry Harrison

Of the 11 non-league and amateur clubs currently working themselves into a lather for this weekend's FA Cup matches none are flexing their muscles with as much gusto as the four Northern Premier League sides.

Altrincham, Wigan, Gateshead and Stafford Rangers carry the flag of the country's newest semi-professional league which covers an area from the Tyne in the north, down to Boston on the east coast, as far south as Stafford, as far west as Bangor on the North Wales coast. In the previous round all four

clubs were drawn away against League opposition. Wigan drew 1—1 with Shrewsbury, who are second in the fourth division, then in front of 11,850 beat them in the replay, inflicting on Shrewsbury their first defeat away from home of the reason. of the season. Altrincham drew 1—1 at Scunthorpe, winning the replay 3—1. Gareshead drew 2—2 at Crewe and won 1—0 at home after extra time. Stafford disposed of Stockport by the same score after the first match had ended 0-0.

Now in the second round, the step before the first and second division sides join the party, three of them are rewarded with home ties. Wigan take on the fourth division leaders Mansfield; Staf-ford play third division Halifax, while Althrincham and Gateshead fight it out between themselves. Wigan are the most ambitious of the group, with 13 professionals, a fine groupd and a consistent record of success as they plug away for league status. Their player-manager is Brian Tiler who was in Aston Villa's League Cup final side in 1971. "We've fin-ished in the top three of our league in the last eight years", he said.

"We expect a crowd of between 15,000 and 20,000 which could well be the biggest gate of the round. And we haven't been beaten for 27 matches now after losing the first game of the season.
"We were better than Shrewsbury in the last round and what
surprised me was that full time

training didn't give them any advantage. After a certain degree of strength has been attained I'm sure fitness is a state of mind. We play a lot, train twice a week, win a lot and our artitude is right. "Third and fourth division clubs must soon all become part-

time. The sooner the better. My players are pold as much as most in the lower leagues and they have outside jobs as well. I find that they seem to enjoy their football much more than many full-timers I played with." Although Wigen have only 14 fit players to choose from Tiler is unlikely to pick himself. "I can't get into the side", he says. "Ian Gillibrand who plays in my position is better than I am. Our full back and captain broke his leg

in the previous round but we're covered there. Mansfield are a good side, walking away with the fourth division but they'll be worried about us." worried about us."

In four competitions in which they have played 30 games Altrincham have lost only once themselves. Their home gate last weekend in the Northern Premier League was 1,280. Against Scunthorpe it was 4,176. Yet the club has a pool of 18 professionals and a handful of good-class amateurs to call on, as well as something few League clubs can boast of, books which balance. Their fundraising is highly developed, but again an essential element is that again an essential element is that the players are part-timers who. in some cases, could not afford

with 30 goals already this s. When he was with Blackon was twice chosen for the Under-23 team. But now he had been sent to be the company of the sent the se his family garage busing Bangor and plays football break from business." He not consider becoming a fu with one of the major Meanwhile, if he can conti sell the odd car even on Sa mornings before a game a as score plenty of goal remains full and bounting

Stafford were 1972 wint the PA Challenge Trophy, they were also Northern F League champions. only recently elected to the have improved considerably last two months and are co . of faring better than in an league performance at Alu when they lost 4—2. This is an important we non-league football. Tor the Southern League mana

committee will decide when re-open negotiations with Northern Premier League Northern Fremier League other effort to establish a N League of non-League club hopefully, entrance into the division for the winners. "This is a complicated at troversial issue", says Northern Premier League's tary Mr Gordon Graham. meanwhile, our league whic started in 1968 grows in su I'm not saving it's any si than the Southern Leagt though our clubs have won Trophy four out of five year a higher standard of organ and well-qualified profe managers have put the stead: We are certain to get one chi the third round of the cup four clubs in the competiti weekend have proved a poin non-league football and part have plenty to offer.'

#### Weller asks Leicester for a transfer

Keith Weller, the Leicester City captain and England forward, has put in a transfer request which will go before the directors today. This is the climax to a period of murest at Filbert Street after four successive league defeats which have left the club one place from the bottom of the table.

It is understood that Weller's captaincy has been a bone of contention with certain members of the first mean and that it was only narrowly confirmed at a recent meeting of players.

Weller succeeded David Nish as captain in March. 1972 and has held the position ever since. Weller, who was previously with Tottenham Hotspur, Millwall, and Chelsea was signed by manager. Jimmy Bloomfield, manager. Jimmy Bloomfield, for 5100,000 in September, 1971. He has one of three such signings by the former Orient manager after he had taken over at Leicester in 1970. June that year.

Weller was first capped against Wales at Cardiff in May this year. He was watched in the game against Everton on Saturday by

Injuries and replays may ninder Kevie

could hamper the England team manager Don Revie, in planning the under-23 side to play Scotland under-23 at Aberdeen next Wed-nesday. Newcastle United, whose midfield player Kennedy, has

for the European championship games. But Tommy Docherty, the Manchester United manager, says that no request for Greenboff's release would be considered until it was known whether he was selected.

been struggling to overcome injury. Armstrong, a Middlesbrough winger, made his first international appearance in Portugal last month. Revie will announce the England under-23 party today.

Jim Steele, of Southampton, is

the England team manager, Don Revic. Weller has scored two goals this season since reverting to a midfield role. He said he had made the request for "personal reasons ".
Neither Weller nor the manager,
Jimmy Bloomfield would discuss

his transfer request when the arrived at the Middlesbrough ground last night.

Weller burried into the dressing "No comment". room saying "No comment". Bloomfield refused to be drawn either. "I have a match on", he either. " replied.

Portsmouth suffered an overall loss for the year ended June 30 of more than 5415,000. This sum included an operating loss of £93,000 together with £322,000 spent on The figures, which will be pre-sented at the annual meeting on December 30, showed that the club

owed the bank 5328,000. The chairman, Mr John Deacon, had lent the club a further sum of £155.000 without interest. Players' wages amounted to £154,000



Keith Weller: colleagues criticised his captaincy.

lujuries and League Cup replays nestay. Newcastle United, whose midfield player Kennedy, has appeared in England's European under-23 championship matches against Czechoslovakia and Portugal this season, are to play Chester in their League Cup quarter-final match on December 18

With Cassidy and Hibbitt seriously injured. Newcastle may have to rely on the cooperation of Mr Revie for the release of Kennedy. Manchester United and Middlesbrough are also to meet in their League Cup replay at Old Trafford on the same night as the under-23 international. Greenhoff, who has been affected by injury recently, has played a part in Revie's squad

Since playing against Czechoslo-vakia in the under-23 international at Crystal Palace late in October, Mills, a Middlesbrough striker, has

likely to be fit for the second leg of the Texaco Cup final at New-castle today. Steele was unable to play in Saturday's second division game with York City because of suspected appendicitis.

#### Mead fights for a place in Wycombe side

Keith Mead, Wycombe Wan-erers' central defender, is derers' central defender, is struggling to get fit for Saturday's FA Cup second round tie against Bournemouth. Mead, who plays alongside Alan Phillips at the heart of the de-fence, damaged ligaments in an ankle against liford 11 days ago and the injury is not responding

to treatment.

Mead, the director of a building company, says: "I hope I'll be fit because I'm looking forward to the match so much. We have a very good chance of going through. We have so much skill in the side and we are unbeaten at home since Peterborough knocked us out of the Cup this time last season.

ime last season.

"The sides are fairly eventy matched but the crowd could tilt the balance our way."

Wycombe, Rothmans Isthmian League champions, have reached the third pound for which the third pou League champions, have reached the third round four times since 1957 and are in confident mood. "We had a team ralk on Sunday to discuss Bournemouth's strengths and weaknesses", added Mead. "Now I must just wait and hope I'll be able to play against my old pal John Delaney."

Two years ago Wycombe beat a Bournemouth team which included Boyer, Machin and Benson, all currently with Norwich City.

Police have set a 12,000 limit

No Cruyff for Celtic Dutch star, Johan Cruyff, has failed to recover from an ankle in lury and will be unable to guest for Celtic in their charity match

#### Supporters to be caged in at York

Manchester United supp will be caged in when United at York on December 21. men are erecting an eight for metal fence to seal off t Olive's Road end of Bootham Crescent ground. The game is all ticket. 17.000 capacity, and all the tickets for the Sr Olive's Rot have gone to Manchester.

The fence will run the withe ground, so the United porters will be unable to g

York decided to creet the after the United fans ran the pitch at Hillsborough on

George Teasdale, the York retary, said plenty of tickers left. " I think this is because people may have been fright by reports of hooliganism. ever, the erection should do a lot to allay the

#### Porterfield said to be improvin

lan Porterfield, a Sunde midfield player, who was a ted to hospital with a frac skull after a car acciden Saturday night, was stated widay to be "improving nic after being transferred to the castle General Hospital for emergency brain operation.

The team manager, Bob Straid: "The news has taken a off our minds, I called in night and again this mornit chat with him. He's coming: micely and everyone at the halls quite pleased with his dition. It's just a matter of now."

# Women sign

It was when Robertson heard

#### Cup team omission leads to change of status

David Robertson, 17, the only player to have been capped by Scotland at boys, youths and senior level in the one year, has turned professional. Robertson, who hopes to make his first pro-

fessional appearence on the African circuit in February, will Arten Carcher in February, will be managed by Derick Pillage of Golf Management Ltd. If, in the fullness of time, he plays in America, Robertson will be under the umbrella of Professionals Incorporated, the Virginia-based company, whose President is that treet. great American amateur, Vinny Giles.

It was when Robertson heard that he had been selected only as third reserve for next year's Walker Cup match at St Andrews that the British youths champion began to think seriously about terminating his amateur career. Though some, because of his age, advised the young Scot to wait a year, Ronnie Shade convinced him that he would have more to sain that he would have more to gain by turning professional straight

"In order to improve on his present standing", explained Shade, who will accompany contain on on his African safari, David would have had to win

the Scottish. If he failed to get results of this calibre his bargain-ing power at the end of the year would probably be nowhere near as good as it is at the present time."

for Celtic in their charity match against Benfica. of Portugal, in Glasgow tonight. Benfica will be without Eusebio.

Another factor which prompted such swift action was that the Robertson family were worried that he would lose some of his enthusiasm by lingering in the amateur game after his Walker Cup disappointment.

Robertson, who has been given two-year contract to play Goudie clubs, which is worth, one gathers, around £2,000, is currently working some three to four hours every day on his pixthing and putting. Another area in which he is de-termined to improve is in the matter of concentration. Tony Jackhu having observed, during a recent pro-am at Turnberry, that Robertson was far too easily distracted.

Asked to compare Robertson with Bernard Gallacher at the same stage, Shade observed that Robertson had a greater variety of shots: "Bernard, as an amateur, hooked almost everything whereas David can move the ball either way. Only time will tell, however, whether David is the competitor that Bernard is, and has the that Bernard is, and has temperament."

Skiing

#### Collombin may be fit for Garmisch even

Bera, Dec 10 .- The Swiss dhill expert, Roland Collombin, was injured in the downhill at Val d'Isere on Sunday, may cover in time to resume skiin the beginning of January.

Switzerland's Ski federation tor François Kuffer, today Collombin wearing a tight co and diagnosed bruised musslight cerebral shock, facial and a slight compression vertebra.

Collombin will be unable to part in the downhill event a Moritz on December 17 or other races this year, but he be fit in time for the World downhill race at Garmisch in beginning of January, said Kuffer. He rold Collombin to port back for another medical amination on December 19.—L

Maribor, Yugoslavia, Dec 10 The women's World Cup gi slalom has been postponed to Ja ary 19, because of shortage snow.—AP.

#### Boxing

New York: Heavyweight rounds): Mike Quarry best Per Soto, on points.

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h (right) shows his injured hand to Taylor (left) and Cowdrey at Perth yesterday.

#### owdrey likely to play in Test as jury list continues to grow

Dec 10 h the MCC dressing room poking like a clearing station ones increasingly likely that ones increasingly likely that ey will be needed for the I Test match starting here on Amiss and Edrich have been ruled out from playing, because of his broken thumb drich when it was discovered norning that what has been g him such pain in his right since Thomson hit him on it shane is a hairline fracture. epen the gloom, MCC were by Western Australia by wins this evening, the first hey have lost to the youngest. Australian states.

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it, who would have a better a of successfully making the e from a Surrey fireside to pand and fury of an Austrest match all within a lif he plays it will be as to he dreamt that he was batgainst Australia at Perth and up to find he was, ay he has been getting omed to the light. This takes time, especially in where the air is particularly and clear—in the nets and arching practice. Bowling to among others, was the 16-ld son of an Australian Test ter, Norman O'Neill. Rather play at Geraldton tomorrow rey will keep at it in the nets.

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Jation with the county. itton, a 32-year-old bachelor, his resignation letter from h Africa where he is to con-

thard Hotton has resigned Yorkshire County Cricket and severed a 40-year family

e Lister, the Yorkshire secre-said: "Richard Hutton has

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Knott was bowled behind his legs, sweeping; Taylor drove Paulsen to mid-off; Old glanced him to leg slip; Thmus, too, was caught sweeping. Responsible for all this was the age-old recipe of

have made a better show of scor-ing the 298 runs which MCC needed to win in 255 minutes. Nothing happened to suggest that Luckhurst had learnt anything whatever from his last three dismissals—all caught at slip or behind the wicket far away from the line. His eight innings since starting his tour with a 100 against Victoria on a slow pitch against nothing above medium pace have brought him 73 runs. Now, as on Sunday, he was cought at the wicker in the first

caught at the wicket in the first over of MCC's innings.

Lloyd made 20 before yet again getting out instead of going on. Even in the ners Lloyd looks vulnerable to the steeper bounce of Australian withher to anything nerable to the steeper bounce of Australian pitches to anything aimed just outside the off stump. This afternoon he was caught at slip. Simply by watching Cowdrey MCC's other batsmen should be able to learn something about getting into line. While Denness and Greig were adding 75 for the third wicket in an hour MCC were doing enough to win. That was as long as it took Greig to make 57, but in the same over that he drove Paulsen, a leg spinner, for six and Paulsen, a leg spinner, for six and four he was caught at extra cover.

Although his best score of the tour, Denness's 45 was nothing like enough either to boost his own confidence or his team's. Going down the pitch to Paulsen at 128 he was stranded and stumped. In 10 innings he has now made 184 runs, a lack of concentration being not the least of centration being not the least of his worries, if not at the moment the greatest of them. Once Denness had been out this after-noon he watched a sad decline.

this afternoon that MCC's collapse from 125 for two to 177 all out could be accounted for only by thoroughly poor batting and the fact that nothing seemed much to matter by comparison with the efforts being made to get a side into the field on Friday.

Most counties, I think, would have made a better show of scor-

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First Inning: 265 for eight dec.

MCC: First lanings, 314 for five dec

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J. Tibnus, c. Watson, b. Paulsen
M. Old, c. Watson, b. Paulsen
G. Arnold, not out
J. Hendrick, b. Paulsen
W. R. Fletcher, absent hurt
Extrus (b. 2, n-b. 1)

Total 177
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—50, 5—125, 4—128, 5—143, 6—154, 7—160, 8—177, 9—177.

BOWLING: Alderman, 5—0—27—1; Clark, 9—1—41—1; Walson, 6—0—27—0; Pavisen, 13-6—1—41—7; Inverarity, 4—0—15—0; W. Edwards, 6—0—32—0.

Western Australia won by 120 runs, western Australia won by 120 runs, 120 run

tern Australia won by 120 rons. Perth. Dec 10 .- MCC's only 11 fit players make up the team to play Western Australian Country at Geraldton tomorrow in a one-

Geraddon romorrow in a one-y match. It is:

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H. Denness, A. W. Greig,
P. E. Knott, R. G. Taylor,
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#### India left without a captain on eve of Test match

New Delhi, Dec 10.—India, already one down in the series and hard-hit by injuries, will start the second Test match against West Indies here tomorrow with the odds against them. West Indies also have their problems with the fast bowler Holder declared unfit but overall their worries are slight compared with those of India.

Both sides are expected to delay their final choice of team until shortly before the start. India also have to select a captain as finger injuries have put out both the original choice, Nansur Ali Khan Pataudi, and his replacement, Sunil Gavaskar.

Sports writers here have variously advocated Eishen Bedi, Venkataraghavan, Prasanna and his career as a chartered untant with an oil company. thand's father, Sir Leonard. me one of the game's greatest ers after joining Yorkshire in

fied the county that he does intend to return to England he foreseeable future and has store resigned as a Yorkshire rer."

Sports writers here have variously advocated Eishen Bedi, Venkataraghavan, Prasanna and Engineer for the Captaincy but the loss of Gavaskar as an opening batsman is even more serious than the problems over the leadership. Tests for England in 1971 and inst Australia the same season.

Suthern Signs

ohn Southern, a slow left arm der, has joined Hampshire on one-year coutract. Southern yed for Hampshire second XI I under 25 teams last summer. efore resigned as a Yorkshire

Sudhir Naik, who played one Test against England on tour earlier this year, is expected to open either with Kanitkar, promoted from No 3, or Engineer, who has recovered from an eye injury sostained in Bangalore.

A likely new cap is Parthasarathy
Sharma, a 26-year-old right-hand
batsman from Rajasthan, who
made an impressive 83 against the
touring team for the Presidents
XI earlier this month.

Bedi has settled his dispute with the board of control and the slow left-arm bowler is certain to re-turn to the side.

It is expected that Murray will gain his first Test cap with the slow left-arm spinner Willett left

INDIA (from): S. Abid Ali, B. S. Redi, B. S. Chandrasekhar. F. M. Engineer, A. K. Gaekwad, S. H. M. Kirmani, H. S. Kanifkar, S. S. Natk, B. P. Patel, E. A. S. Prasanna, E. D. Solkar, P. Sharma, S. Venkataraghavan, G. R. Viswanath.

WEST INDIES (from): C. H. Lloyd, R. C. Fredericks, C. G. Greenidge, A. I. Kallicharrau, V. A. Richards, D. L. Murray, B. D. Julien, K. D. Boyce, L. R. Gibbs, A. M. E. Roberts, D. A. Murray, E. T. Willett—Reuter

#### 'ilas scores comfortable ictory over Newcombe

Melbourne, Dec 10.—Guillermo as, of Argentina, surprise win-of the 1974 grand prix series, ontoued his brilliant run by feating the Australian John weombe in his opening match of masters' tournament here lay.

vilas took only 77 minutes to ople Newcombe 6—4, 7—6. ter the match Newcombe, joint out the with flie Nastase, of mania, for the masters title, scribed Vilas as on a par with c American Jimmy Connors, mer of the Wimbledon, United ates and Australian titles this

The eight-man tournament here being played on a round-robin usis in the opening stage, with c top two players in each group four qualitying for the semi-

In other matches today, Bjorn org, of Sweden, beat Onny arun, of New Zealand, 3—6, —3, 10—8. Nastase defeated Raul amirez, of Mexico, 6—4, 2—6, —3, and Manuel Orantes, of pain, beat Harold Solomon, 6—1, —1

The top eight in the grand prix tandings were eligible for the tasters' event, and though Conors qualified he is not competing, aving nobfied officials that he undergoing dental treatment in

America.

Newcombe was not among the committee eading group in the grand prix meeting.

but got into the masters because the host country is permitted one representative.

The 30-year-old former Wimbledon champion has been troubled recently with various allments including a torn rib muscle, but on Sunday he declared himself fit to play after a hard mactice. to play after a bard practice

He was confidently expected to defeat Vilas, who has had little defeat vilas, who has had hide experience on grass, the surface being used for the masters. When vilas last met Newcombe, in Louisville 16 months ago, the Australian won 6—3, 7—6, but today vilas was always on top.

He completely overpowered Newcombe with his powerful service display and unleashed the best backhand seen at the Kooyong courts since Rod Laver at his best. He had 11 aces and forced Newcombe into a string of volleying errors with a brilliant lefthand return of service.-Agencies.

Idle appeals

Graham Idle. Bramley's second row forward, is appealing against the transfer fee of £12,000 placed on him by the Club. His plea for a reduction will be considered by the Rugby League's executive committee at their January

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the Soviet Union, is still the favourite and has reached the third round, his only game being a comfortable 6—2, 6—2 win over Peter Dyson, of Australia.

# round to Menon

Perth, Dec 10.—Sashi Menon, of India, provided the first shock of the Western Australia champiorships here roday by beating the Australian Colin Dibley. Menon, 22, outplayed the powerful Dibley, the fourth seed and last year's winner, whose extremely fast service let him down this time.

"I just concentrated on getting the ball back all the time and let him make the errors", Menon said later, Menon is ranked equal third in India behind the Amritraj brothers, having beaten Anand in the semifinals of this year's Indian championships only to lose to Vijay in the final.

The top seed Alex Metreveli, of

Peter Dyson, of Australia.

Margaret Court, the third seed, in the women's singles, took just over 50 minutes to eliminate Frederique Thibault, of France.

Mrs Court raced to a 5—1 lead MFN'S SINGLES, second round: G. Masiers boat G. Casa (France), 5—6.

5—2; S. Segura (US) beat R. Peterson, 6—2; S. Segura (US) beat R. Peterson, 6—3; P. Dyson, 6—3; Metrevoll (USSR) beat J. Narakiz Finland), 6—3; R. Casa beat J. Narakiz Finland, 6—7; S.—1. GB B. Gollings boat G. Robinson (GB), 5—7; G.—2. Gollings of the country of the country

#### Dibley falls in

meat C. Robinson (GB).

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WOMEN'S SINGLES, second round:
Wiss S. Barker (GB) boat Miss C.
Matison. 7—5, 6—2; Miss L. Mejtram
(GB) beat Miss B. Thompson. 7—5,
6—2; Miss M. Navratilova (Crecheslovalkia) beat Miss L. Charles (GB)

takia) beat Miss C. Coles (GB) heat
(GB), 6—2; Miss G. Coles (GB) heat

#### Racing

#### An event few are likely to forget

By Michael Phillips
Racing Corespondent
A big gathering that was truly
representative of the racing
fraternity in this country crowded
the Dorchester Hotel in London
yesterday to watch Lord Derby present his awards for 1974. These
awards, which are made annually
are in fact voted for, and given
by the Horserace Writers and Reporters Association, and yesterday
was the occasion of their annual
luncheon. Donald McCain and
Richard Pitman, as National Hunt
trainer and jockey: Peter Walwyn
and Patrick Eddery as their
counterparts on the fact: and Peter
O'Sullevan and Tom Cosgrove as
owner and writer respectively were
the recipients on this occasion.
Lord Derby said that he hoped

the recipients on this occasion.

Lard Derby said that he hoped very much that 1975 will see Red Rum and Crisp at loggerheads once again at Liverpool in the spring. He was of course, referring to the Grand National. Few, he added, who wanched their rate there two years ago, were ever likely to forget it. Red Rum has of course won the Grand National again in the meantime, and Lord Derby spoke for us all when he said that he hoped very much that Red Rum would try to create a record and win it three times.

would try to create a record and win it three times.

Red Rum is now resting and his training in the New Year will be basically on the same lines as it was last year when he had two races before the Grand National. McCain added that he does not envisage running Red Rum before the first week in February at the earliest. Red Rum, the first horse to have won the Grand National twice since Reynoldstown did so in 1935 and 1936, is, according to his trainer, in the pink of health. So too is his old rival Crisp I am hapy to report. His rider, Pitman confirmed that Crisp's forelegs have felt marvellous since his race at Cheltenham last Saturday, the acid test of a horse whose tendoms have been operated upon. The idea is still to run Crisp again this mouth, preferably at Newbury on December 28, in the Mandarin Steeplechase.

McCain's handling of Red Rum

McCain's handling of Red Rum during the past two years has been admired as much as Pitman's rid-ing of Fred Winter's horses and that was why they were where they

were, yesterday, saluted by one and all on the rostrum.

Walwyn and Eddery, in league now at Seven Barrows, and both champions at the end of the recent flat racing season, also thoroughly deserved their awards. Walwyn deserved their awards. Walwyn was there to receive his trophy but Eddery is in Hongkong so his brother Michael, who lost a leg after an awful accident whilst race riding at Newcastle two years ago, accepted the trophy on behalf of his brother, the new champion jockey. Pat, he said, rode the winner of the South African 1,000 Cuineas last month and has got off Guineas last month and has got off to a good start in Hongkong with three winners in the bag

Without obviously wishing to commit himself at such an early commit himself at such an early stage Walwyn assured his host of followers that his horses are well, and that Grundy, the winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and the highest weighted colt in our Free Haudicap, is in excellent fertle. Having won the Oaks with Polygamy, the Irish Sweeps Derby with English Prince, saddled more witners than anyone else in this country and won more prize money country and won more prize money here than anyone else, Walwyn ended his most momentous season with no fewer that 11 two-year-olds in the Free Handicap which comprises the top 100.

Eddery will be around for a long while yet. No one will pretend yet that he is as good as Lester Piggott but on the other hand no one can smother the fact that Piggott was 25 when he first became champion

#### Teesside Park results

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12.30 12.32) WYNYARD HURDLE
(Division 1: 3-y-o: £170: 2m 176yd)

Nan's Gem. ch f, by Guif Pearl

"Middon: 1.0 1.1.0 (Neil) (11-4 fav.)

Pingo. b g, by Petingo-84 Cecilia

(Mr P. Hincheliff; 11-0

(Mr P. Hincheliff 1.0 (1.2) MANDALE HANDICAF Hurple (4-y-0: £170: 272)

HURDLE (44-0: £170: manufacture)

Jane Again, ch. by Spartan
General—Moselle Mist (Mrs M.
Jarvis: 11-3.. A. Grischie (41)
Last Attempt, b. c. by Pinicole
Spatterdash / Mrs B. Hoston—
10-5.. S. A. Taylor (22)
Naval Power, ch. g. W. I. Thomas: 10-0.. R. Hyell
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lord of Westow,
7-1 Sorrow B. Hyell (4-1) &
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lord of Westow,
7-1 Sorrow B. Duble, 12-1 Lord Street
(4th), 25-1 Kirkland Boy (p). 7 ras.
TOTE: Win. 51p: piaces, 13p, 14p:
dual foreast: 54. No bid for winner.

2.0 (2.1) MIDDLESEROUGH HURDLE Handicap: £374: 5m)
Herry Crown, b. g., by Khallds—
Crownless (Mr. T. Sterriker).
5,10-6 ..., M. Blackskow (7-1) 1
Rubsike, br. h. by 1. Say—Leute
(Mr. J. Douglas). 5-9-10
J. McDougali (7-4 fav) 2
Recon, b. h. by Reform—Mary
Falconer (Mr. H. Leader). 5-10-5
T. Slack (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: \$-1 Dollon Lass. 10-1

ALSO RAN: 9-1 Dolbon Lass, 10-1
French Wood (4th., 12-1 Dare, Osgothov Coppies, 14-1 Danasco (1), Last of the Hills, 16-1 Frond King, Salmo Lady, 20-1 Luck, pp., Whitsmedi, 25-1 Copper Sea, 75-1 Bollymov (p), Cagey Boy. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p: places, 18p., 11p. 14p. 16p (4th), F. Cave, at Marton, 51, 24.

51. 21.

2.30 (2.35) LAMBTON STEEPLE-CHASE 12204; 3ml
Portholme, bl g, by Muckle John
—Carolic Mary (Mr W. Walts.
7-11-2 ... P. Buckley (20.1) 1
Russman, b, by Philemon. Ross
Point (Mr L. Wretord), 5-11-0

Levelled Oct, br g, by Even Money
—Sell Out (Mrs E. Gazo), 6-10-11 ... R. Hybit (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Cantabet (10, 91 Kiton Lad (P), 25-1 Cascobius (f), 6 ran.
TOTE: Wan. 24.81n; places, £1.20, 676; forscast, £10.29, W. C. Walts.
at Bridlington, St. 11. 3.0 (3.2) WYNYARD HURDLE (D): 0-y-0; 2170; 2m 176yd)

II: 3-y-0; 2170; 2m 176yd)

Marshall KI, b c, by Major Portion—Pampbred (Mr A. Snipe)
11-0 ... P. Broderick (14-1)

Marshall KI, b c, by Major Portion—Pampbred (Mr A. Snipe)
11-3 ... P. Broderick (14-1)

Mr S. Johnson; 11-10

ALSO RAN: 12-1 Philhope
14-11 Bosonorous Queen (rr), Neils Son.
20-1 Sine Conedian. 3-1 King's Scholar. Mister Masic. Whithing Goose. Scholar, Mister Magic, Whiffling Goode.
12 ran.
TOTE: Win. £1,28n: places. 21p,
13p, 11p, M. H. Easterby, at Malton,
21, 31.
TOTE DOUBLE: Young Somers and
Portholme. £50,20. TREBLE: Jane
Again. Morry Crown and Marshall Ki.
£78,60c.

#### A victory for Old Vince would not be out of turn at Kelso

With Kelso being the only meeting scheduled to take place in Great Britain today racing now Great Britain today racing now enters its traditionally quiet period before Christmas. Tomorrow events continue in a minor key with programmes at Carlisle and Uttoxeter, while on Friday large fields of moderate horses will confront the starter at the Devon and Exeter meeting where 151 runners have been declared at the four day acceptance stage. On Saturday the tempo of interest quickens and there will be competitive cards at Ascot, Nottingham and Catterick

there will be competitive cards at Ascot, Nottingham and Catterick Bridge.

Chief interest will be focused on Ascot where the centrepiece is the SGB Handicap Sreeplechase with 56,000 added. Crisp, Soothsayer and Ten Up are the big names that have been entered, but none of these is likely to run. After Crisp had delighted Fred Winter on his reappearance behind Gardishee at Cheltenham, the trainer said that he was going to wait for a few days before making a trainer said that he was going to wait for a few days before making a decision as to future running plans. Soothsayer is already announced as a certain runner against his stable companion, Pendil in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day and what a fascinating clash of talent this promises to be. Ten Up. Anne Duchess of Westminster's brilliant winner of the Sun Alliance Steeplechase at the National Hunt meeting. Sained many new admirers ing, gained many new admirers when second to Cottage King at Navan and is expected to win at Punchestown on Saturday.

Tartan Ace and Tee-Cee-Bee are being prepared for their long trip to Ascot. Game Spirit has enhanced his reputation in defeat in his only two runs this season. After going under by only half a length to Pendil, from whom he was recognized.

going under by only half a length to Pendil, from whom he was receiving 4lb, he was attempting an Impossible task at the weights when finishing fourth to Bruslee. Soothsayer and High Ken in the Mackeson Gold Cup.

Credibility is Winter's selected runner and Arthur Stephenson sends Tartan Ace, who gave such a spirited account of himself when attacking Pendil on the long run from the last fence at Haydock Park in the Sundew Steeplechase. Although Stephenson considers that Tartan Ace was flattered by this effort and that Pencil scored with any amount in hand the seven-year-old is aproaching his best and must be considered well handicapped. All in all, the SGB Steeplechase has the makings of an interesting contest.

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The Ascot executive are featuring strong support for their main event with the Long Walk Hurdle, a race for stayers run over three miles. This race has £3,000 added while another £1,500 goes to the SGB Hire Shop Hurdle also a conditions race but this one is run over two miles. This race has attracted several good class hurdlers. Tree Taugle, Attivo and Supreme Halo are all likely starters and Ron Barry will ride Canadius for Gordon Richards provided that the ground does not ride too heavy.

Punchestown on Saturday.

Despite the absence of the stars the Ascot race has attracted several up-and-coming young steeplechasers and these are all intended runners. Game Spirit, money Market and Credibility are all under orders from the South last week but had badly hampered

the second and was disqualified after a stewards' inquiry. As the favourize, Temple Rise was six lengths away in third place the five-year-old must be considered as a good winner without a penalty and with only 10st to carry is specially recommended.

While a victory for Old Vince would give local supporters a boost as the gelding is trained at Hawick

would give local supporters a boost as the gelding is trained at Hawick near by, by Harry Eell, it may be the turn of Yorkshire in the St Boswell's Handicap Steeplechase. Their representative here is Polar Bear trained by Anthony Gillam at Ripon. Although Polar Bear has top weight of 12st to carry, he is useful in this kind of company and I thought that David Goulding rather over did the waiting ractics on the eight-year-old at Ayr last time out when he finished fourth to Duffle Coat. Polar Bear always needs two or three taces to find his best form and should now be reaching his peak. Twice a winner on this course last year, Polar Bear should have too much speed for such as Lothian Brig and Mr Bee.

Carlisle inspection

The stewards will inspect Carlisle racecourse at noon today to decide whether tomorrow's meeting takes place. The clerk of the course, Kit Patterson said: "Parts of the track are waterlogged, the weather is still bad and the going is heavy."

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#### End of great career in French racing

From Pierre Guillot French Racing Correspondent Paris, Dec 10

Marcel Boussac is expected to announce his resignation from the presidency of the Societé d'Encouragement, the ruling body of French racins, tomorrow. Previously the most successful race horse owner and breeder France has known, he was elected 15 years ago.

ago.

During his period in office he has presided over a healthy transformation of the sport. Prize money is now the best in the world; Longchamp has been rebuilt; conditions for those work-

rebuilt; conditions for those working in the industry are unrivalled: a big premium scheme for breeders has been introduced and even the most moderate provincial racing is well endowed.

Mr Boussac, who is \$5, has been in poor health and lost his wife last year. His textile business, once the largest cotton combine in France, has been in decline and is to merge with the Prouvost wool concern.

An owner of race horses for

known the stewards will inspect Carissie known the tomorrow's meeting takes it. The clerk of the course, Kit terson said: "Parts of the track waterlogged, the weather is had and the going is heavy." the brisk discovery of the Societe but he will relinquish much of his business power as well as his presidency of the Societe but he will be maintaining his stable.

He recently refused an ofter of \$470,000 for his best horse. Daniel of the Shirth \$11.7, Cros 11.11.7, High \$2.11.7, 100 Cee Bey \$4.11.5, Sooing \$2.11.7, 100 Cee Bey \$4.11.5, Sooing \$2.11.7, Revall from \$2.11.7, Revall from \$2.11.7, Sooing \$

#### Kelso programme

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12.45 ST BOSWELLS HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£374: 2m

1.15 JOHN MITCHELL BANDICAP HURDLE (£847 : 2m) Gay Perch (D) (H. Smart), G. Richards, 8-12-0 ... J. O'Neill Low Pastures (CD) (J. Aider), Aider, (-11-7 ... Mr J. Aider & Benedict (D) (R. Johnson), Denys Smith, 8-10-15 on Covil's Soldier (D) (R. Boland), W. Aikinson, G-10-11 P. Mangan Colerains (D) (G. Hall), V. Thompson, 4-10-11 ... Mooney 7 Infanteyman (CD) (Lady Reay), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-1 J. Stack 

1.45 LAUDER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£374: 3m) 1f1-f40 Gaivals (D) (Sir D. Cameron), K. Oliver, 5-11-1 .. R. Barry 431-062 King's Lure (D) (D. Todd), G. Richards, 10-11-0 ... J. O'Neill 5-33134 Siag Party (CD) (Mrs Pirman), B. Wilkinson, 6-10-6 D. Atkins 2.15 GATTONSIDE STEEPLECHASE (£204 : 2m 6f) 1 312010 Border Grain (Mrs E. Divon), V. Thompson, 5-12-5 ... (CNeil)
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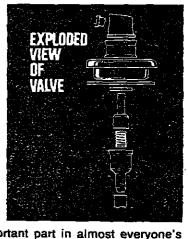
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Kelso selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.15 Toughie. 12.45 Polar Bear. 1.15 OLD VINCE is specially recom-mended. 1.45 Lingus. 2.15 Fly Bye. 2.45 L'Aiglon.

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#### Teheran's film festival: best of a respectable year

It is an axiom that capital cities are the worst places for film festivals—with all the difficulties of communication and transportation, of finding unified locales for showing and accommodation, of competing with all the other urban attractions. Teheran, already struggling with the problems of its immense explosion of popula-tion and prosperity, deafened and bewildered by uncontrolled traffic which shatters the oriental screnity of the streets, presents even graver difficulties than London or Vienna.
The festival, now in its third

year, has great resources of money, good will, good inten-tions and high ambitions. It also treats its guests to the marvels of Persepolis, Islahan and Shiraz, which would make the long journey worth while even without the films. But the adtantáres are to a great degree nullified when, for instance, the entire press corps must be housed-or rather shipwrecked -in a defeated old hotel in which every kind of communicamessage-taking-has collapsed into non-existence.

Again, a major attraction of Teheran is in theory the possibility of discovering Iran's clearly considerable new wave of young directors; and indeed there were screenings of films by no fewer than 18 new film-makers of evident talent. Yet the showings were without either sub-titles or translation. and in the general chaos there were no possibilities of meeting the film-makers themselves.

Despite the frustrations. Teheran certainly gets a good selection of films. A Festi-val of Festivals brought together the best of a respecable year-the now familiar repertory of works like Amarcord. The Earth is Our Sinful Song, 25 Fireman Street, Lancelot du Luc, all of which have been seen in London. There was a tribute to William Wyler, which introduced Mrs Miniver us well as Jezebel to an unsuspecting Arab audience; and a selective red rosettes on pistols are not exactly encouraged. A Festival of Asian Cinema included films by Kurosawa, Saryajit Ray and Lester Peries (a stylish little murder story called The Treawe, as well as a film from Red China, Pine Ridge, a revo-lutionary melodrama with the Thoughts of Mao saving the

The high point of the festival, inevitably, was Bunuel's Le Fantôme de la liberté (shown hors concours). The old master terity of misc-en-scene more stunning than ever. There are surrealist inconsequences - a

Pelléas et Mélisande

Václav Kaslik's production of

Debussy's opera was revived once with its original cast. This

month it returns with an almost new set of principals and a new

conductor, the Royal Opera's

music director, Colin Davis, who has already conducted it at the Metropolitan in New York. Monday's performance had its share of captivating and sensi-tive moments but did not, as a

whole, quite live up to high

her gently charming stage per-

sonality and silvery vocal quality. She touched the heart

with her singing, in her scenes with Pelleas and in the death

sceue; but she made Mélisande

a harder, more calculating girl than the fey creature of Debussy's music (and, surely, Maeterlinck's play). Perhaps her reading will grow softer to match her Pelléas, who is Richard Stilwell.

Devotees of this wonderful opera will argue for hours about the relative merits of tenor and baritone Pelléases. In 1969 Boulez chose George Shirley, a tenor with a strong low register. Colin Davis has

ow register. Coin Days has opted for Mr Stilwell, a baritone with an easy top register, handsomely used in the scene on the battlements, and the episode with Melisande's hair. He is a tall, very good-looking and boyish Peliesa who sings

attractive and clear French.

And yet the music suggests a

srill greater variety of timbre

between Pelléas and Golaud

than is heard here, even though Thomas Stewart appropriately darkens and hardens his bari-

tone for Golaud.

Mr Stewart gives us an ex-

pressionist Golaud, chilling and

sinister in the eavesdropping scene with Yniold (Gillian Ramsden—no boy this time, though a tactful childish tone

though a tactful childish tone Golaud describes his accident of voice), frenetic with all stops on horseback—one sharply

Heana Corrubas, for example, seems a born Mélisande with

Covent Garden

William Mann

expectations.



Le Fantôme de la liberté—Buñuel's return to surrealism

procession of ostriches, hens and postmen through a sub-urban bedroom; gendarmes transformed to malicious schoolchildren : a telephone beside a culfin for easy communication from the grave; and revolution ("A bas la liberté!") among the beasts in Vincennes 200.

There are tales which are left maddeningly suspended in mid air, and games of "Let's suppose ": suppose, for instance, that picture postcards of Paris monuments produced the same social shock as pornography; or retrospective of the works of Miklos Jancso, which might be a sociable activity, while din-regarded as remarkable in a ner was a shy and private country where revolutionary affair confined to locked sentiments and such symbols as cubicles and "occupe" locks: suppose people simply ignored the evidence of their own eyes ta lovely sequence in which, despite a child's protestations, her parents and friends insist that she has disappeared). It is a wild and wonderful night flight with Eunuel's incomparable imagination.

Another French entry, Claude Sautet's Vincent, François, Paul et les autres, is embarrassingly full of stars (Montand, Piccoli, Audran et les autress deeply uncomfortable in an over-hearty is at his most light and playful filmed novel—by Claude Neron and teasing, with the easy dex—which confirms misgivings about Sautet's earlier films. A Franco-Swiss production, Le Milieu du Monde, on the

other hand entirely maintains the promise of Alain Tanner's earlier films, Le Salamandre and Retour de l'Afrique. Here he tells, through a subtle progression of sharp, pointed episodes, the progress of the amour fou of an ambitious young politician who blindly sacrifices home and career to an infatuation for a young waitress. The place (the French Jura), the winter atmospheres, the people and the passion are perfectly inte-grated; and Tanner's work with

Carlisi won the festival's actress award for her role. A new Kjell Grede film, A Simple Melody, is rather the mixture as before (in Hugo and Josefin, Harry Munter and Klara Lust): brilliant moments and insights, and nice bits of comedy, separated by wastes of whimsy. The strength of this one lies in the charming comedy performance of Kjell Bergqvist as an enthusiastically, dis-astrously willing apprentice

actors is near faultless: Olimpia

Comedy in fact is rare enough in festivals to be particularly welcome, and the Hungarian entry, Pal Sandor's Football of the Good Old Days, earned a special jury price for its good-

Photograph by Anthony Crickmay

often came nearer to, say, Chausson or D'Indy than to

Yvonne Minton's Geneviève is still a lovely vignette. Joseph

Rouleau made the most of Arkel's long solo (the high notes sometimes forced) and his

superbly moving, and justly famous, later brief utterances.

The Svoboda sets depend much on their lighting which was not always effective, though greatly

so when characters are seen in

Claude de France.

creates his own team. Stylishly, photographed by Elemer photographed by Elemer Rogalyi, another of Hungary's star cameramen, it is an elegant pastiche of the slapstick era, though the joke gets a bit weary after the first half-hour or so.

The major award of the festival went (against limited competition) to a strange, imperfect, subversive Iranian film, Bahram Farmanara's Prince Ehtedjab, which relates the death of an old princeling, the last of a splen-did and decadent line, who re-calls the glorious and inhuman past. Coughing away in hereditary tuberculosis, he ponders how times and murder have changed. His grandfather, as by right, committed his murders with his own hands. His father improved on this by using machine guns and agents; but Prince Ehtedjab himself, killing his wife by psychological cruelty,

has perfected things.

Another Iranian director of outstanding promise, Bahram Belza'i is known already for Downpour, a gentle, neo-realist massacre in 1944 to study of the difficulties of a natured nostalgic fun about a side to Beiza'i's evidently large football-crazy laundry man talent. A wild and mystical piece whose troubles begin when he about the cat-and-mouse rela-

tions between a mysterious stranger and a remote fishing community, it is marvellouslooking, fatally over-long, but even without translation; (even hypnotic.

Among the short films was another striking Iranian entry, Kamran Shirdel's The Night II Rained. Suppressed for seven years until now, this is a Pirandellian approach to documentary, as Shirdel probes the truth of a real-life incident in which a small boy saved a train from disaster, only to have the credit for his feat fought over by corrupt bureaucrats and crooked newsmen.

Finally, presented hors concours, was a film which is likely to remain a rarity, in view of the somewhat local reference of its content: Roberto Rosse-leini's Year One. In the cool style of reconstruction of Viva l'italia! and La Prise du pouroir par Louise XIV, Rosseleini relates the political career of De Gasperi (played by Luig: Van-nucci) from the Via Rassella Gasperi's death 10 years later. young teacher with dreadful classroom discipline and a fancy for the sister of one of his pupils. This year's competition film, The Stranger and the Fog.

Clowns on the Road

Irving Wardle

in their other commitments and take to the road. Given the Liverpool bias (Roger Mc-Gough, Brian Patten, and Andy Roberts, the founder of Liverpool Scene), and the fact that Grimms are now in their fifth

The Shaw Theatre is not the likeliest venue for a gig, which may explain why Monday's may explain why Monday's party never really got going. Another explanation is the curious pop division between musical brutality and verbal gentleness. With John Halsey and Zoot Money (late of the Big Roll Band) straining the Shaw's electrical budget to the limit with ear-drum killers like "Coming On Stream" what voice is inimitable, but by the time you have got adjusted to it (amid background plinks and plonks) the bass guitars are roaring off on another mission.

I suppose the charm of Pat-ten and McGough lies in the fact that they are writers and not professional performers; Grimms; a collective name but the spoken material, par-Grimms; a collective name (like Roy Campbell's hydraheaded thirties poet, MacSpaunday) for a troupe of poets and
musicians who periodically jack
in their other commitments
much the most effective originals much the most effective episode is the most crudely written: an invasion by a masked Geordie versifier who launches into a series of nature lyrics each of which ends with thumping phallic climax, until he is carried away struggling by the rest of the company. This amounts to the only real moment of

clowning in the show. Otherwise there is some fine Otherwise there is some fine country music from Andy Williams, whose own lyrics build beautifully with repetition; particularly in a mock-patriotic ballad in which he prepares to confront the enemy by burying his guitar in the back garden. John Gorman (alias PC Plod) contributes a nicely garbled Ulster sermon on Genesis; and Mr McGough's Merseyside haikus bring a welcome conhaikus bring a welcome con-trast to Mr Patten's rambling fables. I enjoyed the story of Elsie who liked standing on

Keyboard Gala Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

board lious seems a well-tried ring-master, in aid of the Inter-

The cause was admirable. Designed to preserve instruments, records, cylinders, tapes, photos, letters, in fact anything perpetuating the world's great keyboard performers, the library needs a larger building in New York, and premises in London where

out-tears was immediately made clear in a brilliant "accident-prone" encore of Beethoven's Ruins of Athens after an impage are reprinted from yespeccable first time rendering terday's later editions

on eight keyboards, still more in Victor Borge's own duet ver-sion—arms and legs much en-tangled with his partner—of Liszt's second Hungarian Rhap-sidy, or perhaps best of all, American way of raising money for charity. Though in England the idea is newer, a big audience arrived on Monday to hear Bachauer, Bishop, Bolet, Cherkassky, Darre, Larrocha, Lill, Lupu, Ogdon, Ohlsson, Vasary and Vazsonyi giving their services in anygiving their services in any. Lupu an inspired peasant-in-histhing from two to 16-handed cups, were other welcome larks, items, with Victor Borge as Links with famous names of ring-master, in aid of the Inter-

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Richard Stillwell and Ileana Cotrubas

opera.
Yet perhaps this was the

Golaud that Colin Davis wanted; for his reading of the orchestral score, rich in tone

colour, expertly paced, is also

full-blooded and high-mettled, more so than the tradition of Désormières and Ansermet taught us, or the neo-classic precision of Boulez when this

production was new. Mr Dayis

responds keenly to the wealth of dramatic detail in the music,

for example in the solo where

out in the Absalom scene. It characterized idea after another. silhouette at the back of the was a strong and compelling. The interludes were gloriously stage.

impact of the work.
Yet this inadequate projec-

tion was always a matter of degree, and there remained much to admire in the playing of this cellist and his sensitive well-matched pianist. The in-tricate rhythmical detail of the Bartok First Rhapsody, for ex-

Medjimorec.

Indeed, this reticence remained a characteristic of the entire recital. In the Brahns F major sonatz with its warm, autumnal malodise providing of the mained and major sonatz with its warm, well within Mr Igloi's technique malodise providing and the first knapsody, for example, was mericulously attended to and, again, the demanding virtuos of the mained to and, again, the demanding virtuos within Mr Igloi's technique and the major sonatz with its warm, and the major sonatz with the major sonatz w of sure technique and sound intonation.

These qualities were seen to advantage in Beethoven's early F major sonata which received a tidy, rather careful reading. a tidy, rather careful reading. like a ray of sunlight out of who, at 27, has time Eucthoven describes this work dark accompaniment at the end what is yet lacking. who, at 27, has time to acquire

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year, you can imagine the atmosphere; a party for old friends with nothing much to lose if people don't like the show, and a meeting point for various elements in the pop scene.

"Coming On Strong", what chance does the faun-like Mr Patten have with his soft-spoken fables about angels' wings and lonely telephone calls? The

street corners, and contracted with ease a strange disease not-withstanding.

impersonation that does not played, and the final love scene really belong to Debussy's (including an ecstatic soft opera.

Yet perhaps this was the red-hot pokers), and the underground dungeon. But the sound

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when two little eighteenth-cen-tury schoolgirls in plaits and short silk party frocks (Gina Bachauer and Alicia de Larro-Cherkassky, Darre, Vazsonyi and Bolet in startling showpieces or transcriptions by their teachers Hofmann, Saint Saëns, Dohnanyi and Godowsky. And Glazounov's solo version of the Romanza from Chopin's E minor concerto was delicately played by Ohlsson. One or two
duets needed a little more rehearsal, but Vasary and Vazsonyi had bothered to
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A good likeness of the White Horse of Uffington, drawn by children after a visit, decorates the front wall, and a busy hum of activity emanates from the rooms and corridors off the tiny entrance hall.

entrance hall.

The former secretary's office, now known as the snug, is packed with "things"—stones, bones, toys, dolls, metal objects, an RAF officer's hat, and a large crate of cheap wine. In the more palatial headmaster's office apposite the two parts.

office opposite, the two secretaries are now installed with an easy chair for "him". A notice on the door warns that "It has come to the notice of

less and active, constantly quickening those around with conundrums, solicitude, self-deprecation, and a stream of schoolboy puns. "We have an archoring to go back there next

year " his report to the managers says of the visit to Northumbria. Of a visit to Slimbridge Wild-

The children and animals are

dor, or playground, houses a cage, aviary, or roaming

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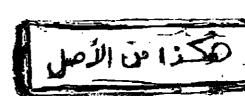
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The rewarding school experience of the Juniper Hill Mob





the management that employees have been dying on the job and neglecting to fall over."

"Him" (the headmaster) is a small dark Geordie of 43 called Alex Ferguson, who describes himself as "a story-teller". He is dressed in open-necked shirt, an old pullover, and flared trousers. He is restiges and acrive constants. hands. "Mr Ferguson look what ulation of learning. The teachers I'm doing." "Mr Ferguson look must grow in understanding. what I've got." "Mr Ferguson
I like this school."

There is no bullying in the playground, the head says, just the occasional fight. What happens then? "One or both gets some comfort, depending on the

In the rabbit breeding hut (progeny, like eggs, are sold to school families to help school funds) four ten-year-old girls sir holding baby rabbits. "I'm taking this one home; you hold it", says one. "We thought the mother was a daddy till she had them. She are one." them. She ate one."

Of a visit to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust, he reports that the school bus driver, having been caught by "an electronic feather detector" making off with two Hawaiian Geese, one Black-necked Swan, one rednecked Pochard, and one small blue tit, confessed: "I'm sorry; it was a fowl thing to do."

The children and animals are The animal population changes constantly. The cow, amid great sadness as she had arrived as a calf a year earlier. had to go because she might tread on a small child; and the donkey because it kept biting the headmaster.

not in separate parts of the school; they are mixed up as intimately as possible. Any spare spot in classroom, corri-Two dozen turkeys reared from chicks proved to be a "searing experience" not to be repeated says the head. They were killed and dressed for Christmas by staff. The children were very reproachful. "Oh Mr Mack how could you?" eaten for a year but it doesn't matter says a child standing by, they can go for two. "Teacher tried to tempt him with a live mouse but he wasn't interested.

Classes are characterized by an air of industry and content. There is no uniform and no In fact he seemed rather scared." Sidney on the other hand has a good appetite at three feet, and indeed is inclined to overeat. His is the only cage with locks on.

Out in the playground children crowd round and hold this imprisoned being for stim
Out of the wasn't interested. There is a school orchestra three feet, and indeed is inclined to overeat. His is the only cage with locks on.

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There is a school orchestra three is a school orchestra three feet, and indeed is inclined to parents, "when until for young children, one for young children, one for older, and one for parents—with wine) a weekly disco and all manner of projects and

and with experience become more sensitive to the child's needs. Children will do anything for someone they love and teachers must express that loving care. Nothing can persuade

me otherwise than that patient kindliness is our only sword". There is no open day at Jumper Hill ; every day is open. Parents walk in and out, and nearly 70 worked for the school in various ways last year: run-ning the library (where child-ren borrow both school books

ren borrow both school books and leisure reading from a wideranging selection); digging duck ponds; building huts for remedial work and animals, listening to reading, joining in and helping to organize sports, games, outings. The parents' association raised £2,000 last year and school activities another £200, part of which went to feed and house the animals. Teachers and children come in at weekends to care for the animals. for the animals.

Alex Ferguson learned a lot at the small village school in Rutland where he was before —36 children and everything to do for them. "If a mum or a granded put their head round the door don't turn them away. grab them. It's another human

activities. Over 80 per cent of the children went away with the school to the Lakes, the sea,

or ancient sites last year.

Juniper Hill usually has a
few "problem" children specially referred from elsewhere.
They get no special treatment but results are good. In an area where up to 25 per cent of staff move on each year, Juniper Hill has lost only five in seven years. About 50 per cent of leavers go on to selective schools, compared with an average elsewhere of 25 to 30 per cent.

But the chief mark of the Juniper Hill Mob is the way they play, work, and relate to each other. "For a child, coming each other. "For a child, coming to school each day should be a rewarding experience," says Alex Ferguson. "The child should share the life and work of his class, engage in the larger enterprises of the school, and be happy with his class teacher while ready to talk to other adults of his school community without fear or arriety.

without fear or anxiety. "School must be a place for trying things out, where things sometimes dissolve into a mess and where experimentation does not always insist on a correct solution. That is why there is always a new project under way; that is why the school is encureled by its birds and

'If one were to grope for that the school strives for the enlargement of the human spirit."

Michael Baily

#### Children's book nostalgia



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EVENING NEWS

In February, 1967, Sotheby & Co. held a sale of Children's Books and Juvenilia which deserves, within the modest annals of its subject, to be described as epochmaking. This was not due to anything intrinsic in the sale, or even to the fact of the sale itself but to the unexpectedly vigorous public response. On the viewing days, ravening hoards

descended on the rooms and almost tore asunder the shelves of chapbooks and primers "in original printed wrappers", and throughout the bidding lay-voices, never before raised in Sotheby's, were heard in contest against the surprised regulars.

It is impossible to account precisely for the excitement evoked by this sale (one bidder was so enthusiastic that he paid £12 for two books which he could have bought over a bookshop counter for £10. But what is certain is that it inspired a double reaction—a confirmation among the professionals of how much is still to be learnt about this neglected field of interest, and a realization among the developers that here was property of some

consequence.

Every year since 1967 the book sales have multiplied (there has just been a very entertaining one at Crewkerne, of all places); every year more booksellers have been bringing out specialized catalogues; and every year the competition for, and the prices of, well-known books have been fiercer. Indeed, to judge by what have been riercer. indeed, to judge by what has been paid for some indifferent Kare Greenaway and Arthur Rackham items, enthusiasm is sometimes likely to get the better of bibliographical prudence.

Needless to say, activity as intense as this among the antiquarians and collectors has had repercussions elsewhere—one of the most notable at the moment being the exploitation of book illustrations. In this borderland territory, where fine art and applied art are mingled, the proprietors of antique shops and little galleries have been quick to see the possibilities of a new fashion. At its simplest it may mean buying some Ernest Shepard drawings (the world seems to be full of Ernest Shepard drawings), or breaking up a Caldecott toybook, and mounting the sheets in a stylish frame. Or at a more sophisticated level it may mean the holding of individual or group exhibitions, where book illustrations, projected book illustrations, or even rejected book illustrations are sold as pictures. Needless to say, activity as intense as ted book illustrations are sold as pictures.

Visitors to the West End may see at present a fine exhibition of work by that much underrated illustrator Harold Jones at Green & Abbott's shop in St Georges Street, while round the corner in Maddox Street there has just opened an intriguing exhibition which includes both pictures and books.

Entitled "Illustrated Children's Books. 1860-1930", this show at the Kinsman Morrison Gallery is combining, temporarily and partially, the virtues of gallery and bookshop. Around the walls are framed illustrations, drafts, or even straight pic-

tures by such artists as Walter Cranes, Richard Doyle and Heath Robinson, while in glass cases below there are books to The latter, all of which are for sale, have been supplied by the booksellers Robin Greer and lan Hodekinson and although the prices reflect a trend that will make poor book-collectors tremble for their future, it must be said that the books are

in outstanding condition.

Such an emphasis on the decorative and rather chi-chi "collectable" quality of children's books can, however, be seen as doing some disservice to the quest to know more about children's literature as a genre. One of the reasons perhaps why the subject does not figure within conven-tional first degree courses in English universities is that it is regarded as a soft option ("chatter about Winnie")—and it is necessary to state, both for those who plan syllabuses and for those who think that academic respectability is the kiss of death, that the close study of children's books can be demanding work, and work which is important if we are to be able to discriminate more successfully among the offerings of the booksellers' and the auctioneers catalogues.

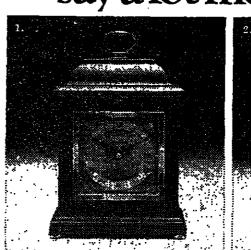
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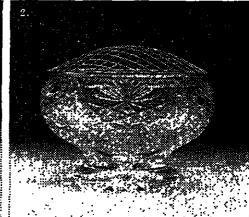
A very recent example of current endeavours to improve our judgment of early children's books is Joyce Irene Whalley's Cobwegs to Catch Flies, which was published last month (Elek, £5.95). Working from the major reserve collection in the National Art Library at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Miss Whelley. Victoria and Albert Museum, Miss Whalley is concerned with children's books not as an antiquarian fancy, but because of the insights which they offer into society's

changing attitudes towards the home-education of the young. A children's books history society, consti-tuted as a British Branch of the Friends of the Osborne Collection at Toronto, exists for the further study of early children's books. Details from the Secretary: Mrs Pat Garrett, 25 Field Way, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

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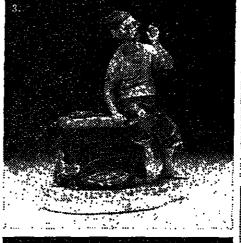
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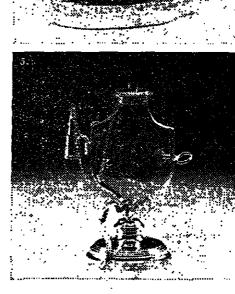
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#### Why Hamburgers would not accept the standards of living in Liverpool

When the Mayor of Hamburg Hamburg will get approximately resigned last month, only six months into his four year term, the next three years. Fares are many Hamburgers took it as grim confirmation of their fears Year, building is at a standstill, that their city—the wealthiest in and the apparent prosperity of Europe—had become ungovernable. Such pessimism comes as a shock, as Hamburg seems so orderly and flourishing to an with their talk of the city's English city dweller innured to crisis. a life with declining standards of city services, and the visible evidence of growing social prob-

But the present critical economic situation facing central government everywhere is mir-rored in the bankruptcy of every city in Europe. Hamburg, Germany's second largest city, is here contrasted with another has aimed for a standard of city

port city, Liverpool, which is just one third of its size. Both cities are burdened by huge debts. Liverpool's £250m debt is costing the city £29 million in interest charges this year. Hamburg's 5678 million debt is equivalent to debts of £377 for each of its 1,800,000 citizens.

Inflation running at an annual rate of 16 per cent so far this year is adding £6m onto Liver-pool's budget, swallowing up the Council's 53m contingency fund and leaving the city with an estimated deficit this year of

£3m.
Liverpool is braced for a highly unpopular rate increase next year, even with the high rate support grant just announced and a rise in public transport fares of at least 10 per cent. Hamburg's financial situation is even more critical. as a major federal tax reform will be introduced on January 1 next year and it will cut state revenues from personal taxation so that

to go up 18 per cent in the New

Writing in the Hamburg Die Zeit last week, Frank Dahren-dorf, one of Hamburg's senior officials, put the city's problem and solution starkly. He said costs must be reduced by 5 per cent and the demands on the city government therefore recity has been too ambitious, and services which was unrealisticly high and must now be lowered. Neither in Hamburg nor Liverpool has any elected member of the city's administration yet dared speak such political her-esy openly. Privately however many admit that major cuts in city services are inevitable if city administrations are not to become paralysed as much by their debts as by their bureau-cratic complexity.

The Mayor of Hamburg re-

signed over what has become a primary issue in both Hamburg and Liverpool-the size of the city. Liverpool's population has dropped by 150,000 in the past ten years, and another 10.000 people are expected to leave in the next year. Their departure will immediately lose the city £578,000 from the Government's rate support grant (calculated on the current year's basis.) In addition the city loses the value of their general purchasing

Hamburg's problem is the

On Hamburg's sprawling acres of new housing, day-to-day life for the average citizen is not soured by squalor as it is in Liverpool

successful executive laughed asked him where he lived in the city: "I don't know a single person who still lives in single person who still lives in the city. I live just 25 minutes away in Schleswig-Holstein, and so do all my friends." The swift rot of American inner cities happened in exactly the same way in the 1960s, when the taxes of the well-to-do were lost to the revenues of the cities by the fashionable migration to the surrounding suburbs or countryside. Ham-burg's former mayor. Peter Schulz, wanted to stop the flow of population out by building what he called a new town in the centre of the city. But he could not convince his fellow policy maker. in the Land Parliament or the Senate that the policy could either work or

be financed.

youngest mayor in Germany. He is admired as an idealist for being prepared to take on a job no older, experienced man would accept. He, and Liver-pool's new liberal council leader Cyril Carr. who is referred to as the most decent man ever to have succeeded in Liverpool politics, are very different from the authoritarian city bosses who have traditionally run both cities. Both men want a city which above all responds to its

But these new policies are bringing new problems. "Governing has now become extremely difficult in Hamburg, be-cause not only are the issues more complicated, and require oolicy maker, in the Land more specialists to advise on have tried to make major social changes in such areas of mass insisting on having a say in the decisions." said a senior Hamber of the same point from those like the Dockland

the people of the city—a com-plicated and time-consuming business. I'm not against it, but it isn't bow I was brought up to carry on city government.". Responding to its people Hamburg has recently made a

Hamburg has recently made a major policy change away from pulling down and rebuilding inner-city areas. Militant occupations and demonstrations by left-wing so-called "citizens intiatives", or injections of capital and brilliant painting and renovation by small middle-class groups, changed the city's plans over the Areas like Pöseldori and Eppendorf have become prosperous inner-city become prosperous inner-city

villages.

The transformation of areas like these shows city life can be upgraded, rather than allowed to slide downbill. Bu: it was middle-class capital and energy with no aid from the city, which did it, and Liverpool has not attracted any such capital into its appallingly deprived centre. Attempts to renovate selected areas such as Granby or Vauxhall by barness ing the resources of the city itself, or the Home Office's Urban Aid programme, or the three year Shelter programme, have produced minor improve ments in small proportion to the hopes and energy but in

by poor residents.
In Liverpool the only talk about the city being ungovernable comes from the people who

was made by Liverpool's chief. Action Group who have been executive "under the Liberals trying for two years to ensure every decision must be put to that the 235 acres of empty South Docks do not just moul

der.

The greatest difference between the two cities is in what seems to be generally regarded as acceptable. Hamburgers rage openly about their city scandals and wasteful planning decisions.
The justice department was disredited recently by prison riots, and a senior prosecutor shooting himself as the coverup to the scandal came unstuck. The health department made serious management errors too in building the city's new sky-scraper hospital. Near the city centre a brand new high rise clinic stands uncompleted and unwanted after a policy change.

And Hamburg does have slums—though it reserves them mainly for its 64,000 foreign workers. But on its arid sprawling acres of new housing, day-to-day life for the average citizen is not soured by squator as it is in Liverpol. There are no broken windows, no shatno broken windows, no shartered pavements, no rubbish in the streets, no empty acres lying desolate in the middle of the city, no ponds filled with rubbish in the parks, no broken escalators and lavatories in new shopping precincts, no three-wear-old housing developments needing major repairs, no 22,000 needing major repairs, no 22,000 people on the housing list. Excuse me, but no Hamburger could live how your people live". said one impeccably polite Hamburg taxi driver who visited Liverpool this year.

Victoria Brittain (To be concluded)

the last ten or fifteen years

and I have had enough of it." No doubt its decline coincided

with the rise, to complete domi-

nance of the popular repertoire, of Puccini; but where in Puc-

the Kermesse scene in Faust, or Demeure chaste et pure, or

lewel Song, or the Church Scene, or Walpurgis Night

else; the nearest equivalent, which is Squilli echeggi from

Trovatore, seems almost blood-

the stage, with unbroken popu-

some Meyerbeer, so that we

expensive: of course, it would

have to be cast with great care and an open cheque-book; of

course the consequences would be appalling if it turned out to

he a ded after all. But I can-

Anyway, they could give themselves a shade of odds by putting Kiri in it. She was

ravishing in Faust, of course;

did I mention that a scarf being deemed appropriate for me to

me a brown one of hers? I shall never wash my neck

not believe that it would.

can judge for ourselves? Of course, it would be appallingly

less beside the Gounod.

is there anything to touch

The Grand March from certainly, but nothing

#### Eric Moonman

#### Hoping for a happier new year than the last

The year when nobody cared church leaders been vo a damn "-that's my gut re- Perhaps theirs is the gree action to 1974. At this time of fault, since the influence year your arts critics retro-spectively savour the pleasures of their favourite books, films and records. The political year affords me no such satisfaction; on reflection, it was thoroughly

On the international scene, morals and standards of conduct have become grossly perverted. The use of the oil weapon by the Arabs has caused the gov-ernments of oil-consuming nations either to remain indifferent to Israel's fights for survival, or deliberately to look the other way as the Arabs re-arm and again threaten Israel.

No one can blame Israel for describing the United Nations as wearing a badge of shame. The fact that the leader of a terrorist umbrella organization should be invited to the United Nations at all is serious enough, but that the majority of dele-gates should give Mr Yassir Arafat a standing ovation is too much for the stomachs of those people who hoped that decency might still, just, prevail, even in the horse fair which the United Nations is today. For the UN is no longer the talking shop it used to be, which how-ever ineffective still had some high ideals, but has become a place where issues are decided not on the judgment of the governments involved but by deals or blackmail.

The strategy of the com-munist countries is well known, and one can understand, though not condone, the attitude of some of the poor, misguided African nations who acted out this charade. But what about Australia? What about France? And what about

The operation of the double standard is nowhere more clearly illustrated than by that weekend in November when our Foreign Secretary was giving instructions to our United Nations ambassador to abstain on critical votes which gave credibility to the PLO, while the Home Secretary was buffled and angry, along with the rest of the nation, at the Birmingham bombings which killed or injured more than

Perhaps failure to come to grips with the problems they It était un roi de Thule, or the face is the real reason why so many western statesmen seem incapable of showing any leadership. But if the oil weapon is so powerful a form of blackmail that the western Scene, or Walpurgis Night fomitted in the present production), or, dammit, the Humbone Chorus? Indeed what is there even in Verdi to touch that nations have remained silent, or even supported the antics of the Arab lobby to isolate Israel in UNESCO, what will be the next act of appeasement? There is a stench of Munich about, but our statesmen should know better, for they are not too young to remember 1939.

I have always maintained, and consider that this production bears out my claim trium-For Britain in particular phantly, that if a work has held are too impressed by the PLO on the international front, we lar acclaim, for decades on end, it must be good: no flash in the pan can last for threecan expéct greater pressure from the IRA and other quarters of a century or so. extremist groups of both left Which means, of course, that the most deeply buried of all popular operatic composers must have been buried too deep. When shall we have and right who are already making themselves felt in our society. The Communists failed to capture even one constituency in February or October, but their influence is making itself felt in industry. And while the National Front vote was in many places derisory, it too has adopted the techgique of infiltration into popu-lar movements, which is perhaps the greatest dauger of the amateur private armies and their right-wing sympathizers. The majority condemn these trends, but we cannot take their disappearance for granted we must be articulate in our

condemnation. One of the most troubling things about the spread of tercess it initiates. MPs not normally without courage, who are no respecters of persons or office and who are noted the noise they make at

the Roman Catholic che reaches many of the mil-residents of this country Irish origin. It is not that t lack courage, but that ti preoccupation with what I regard as the major issues conscience - contracept abortion, divorce-has blin them to the fact that the m issue affecting the Cath population of the United K dom and Ireland is violence the name of religion. The r urgent need is the need speak out against terrorism And then, of course,

media, not notorious for reticence about scandals aff ing individuals or abuses in society, have sometimes for it sensible to look the o way. Of course they I splashed the news of Birmingham bombs and o outrages, but that isn't wh mean. How many have n lained a consistent campaigned. tained a consistent campa daily told me the other that it is difficult to courageous; it's very to especially when you thin! how reporters on other r papers have been rougher in Northern Ireland and

to play it cooler in future.

Anyone who still doubts reality of my depression a have ignored or be unawar the Hudson Institute repor Britain's future. The ce-facts described were Britain is the slowes: gro of the world's major indus countries: that its output been overtaken by Georg France and Japan: Use terms of income per hand are barely in the ton di and that behind these :: lie fundamental, imme: ... and productivity. These are not understood in but the difficulty lie in fact that Britain has he in ing in a crisis for so im-no one imagined that the tion could actually ge " It has, and will continue t so. We are on an econ-slide that could take us disaster unless we adon-fundamentally diffe approach in the future.

The social contract to add to the sneers from right, left-wing military demanding its demise of what the social conmeans for everyone, inch the professional and agerial groups who, while are already benefiting some of its implications in example, the pensions field not yet feel involved.

The fears I expressed nuclear safety in the midd the year brought not only port but also some t ments of all kinds of dang don which, in a year, conta the equivalent of 1.000 mitoxic doses. The anti-proli tion treaty is inadequate to vent the spread of nu weapons when the matt and technology are so w

mist, but I can find little joyful about in these per months. Some might argue the world community sl find some satisfaction in change of regimes in G and Portugal-but this counter-balanced anguish and further detertion of civil liberties in C The rise of the small na to share power in the Un Nations would be welc were it not that they bring same intolerance and dortion as a group that the

I am not by nature a

sian power of veto did after the war.
It is hard now to see reason to let my mai optimism come to the fer 1975, but I will try. H.

New Year!

until recently, have & Times Newspapers Ltd,

#### The day Covent Garden revived Faust and Kiri revived me

**Bernard Levin** 

I think I had better begin by (Parricia Foy) is not married to explaining lest ugly rumours a Levin, even one entirely unshould start to get about (beau-related to me, for nothing; the tiful rumours they would be, actually), how I came to be in Kiri te Kanawa's bedroom last Wednesday afternoon, cuddling and the Opera House was told her cat. (O Mr Compositor, the half of my kingdom—the whole of my kingdom, Mr Compositor - f you will only leave out the last word in that sentence!) The cat in question is an excep-tionally beautiful Siamese named Cobber, and the reason I was cuddling it was, to put it with heart-rending simplicity, that nothing better was available for cuddling. Kiri being the devoted wife of an Australian mining engineer (may koala bears eat him inch by inch from the feet upwards, thus leaving the rest of us, you might say, with a fair field and no favour).

So much for the cat; now for the bedroom. I was ushered into that, by la divinité herself, to change into my breathtakingly beautiful multi-coloured zip-up floppy collar, when I went to her home near Esher to film a television programme with her for a BBC series I do called Profile in Music; Kiri being dressed for the interview in sweater and slacks, it was thought that my normal wing collar, dove-grey waistcoat and spats might seem incongruous opposite her. And thus, when I emerged from the bedroom, we sat and talked.

The occasion was enlivened by one of those episodes that make operatic life so delightful for those not directly involved, and which have ensured that no intendant of a major opera-house, if he is more than 30 years old, can find a respectable insurance company to cover his life; Covent Garden rang up to say that the conductor of Faust was indisposed, that Mr Charles Mackerras was taking over at 24 hours' notice (the next performance in the repertoire was the following day), and would Miss re Kanawa kindly drop everything and hasten into Lon-don for a run-through. Now the producer of our programme

BBC had a contract with Miss te Kanawa which gave us first call on her services that day. that it could cool its heels until we had finished. Kiri sat demure:y in a corner while negotiations went on; the Opera House began to flap; the united front of Levins stood firm; and I had visions of the Covent Gar-den heavy mob arriving to wrest the beautiful prize from our grasp by force, whereat I deter-mined, should it come to tug-o'war, that I would clutch her ankle in a grip that only death would unloose, thus giving myself a good chance of getting something out of my visit, even if not a television programme. ("What on earth's that on your mantelpiece, Bernard?" "Kiri mantelpiece, Bernard?" te Kanawa's left leg.")

It was not to be; the Opera House ceased to flap, no doubt under the benign influence of Mr Mackerras (Charlie is probably the most consummately unflappable conductor since Vittorio Gui); we got our interview; and the programme will be seen, assuming the BBC has not none out of business altogether by then, early next year.

Then I went to Faust. The critical reception had been cool, not to say hostile, and I had not heard the work for so long that the last time I had heard it it was being performed by the Carl Rosa Company (remembering that, I remembered also the theatrical story about the outof-work actor who declared bitterly that the last time he had been in a film. Finley Currie got the girl), so I had forgotten it altogether, apart from the Jewel Song and of course, the Hambone Chorus, so was customary—though why I cannot tell you—to sing to its

Ham-bones, And jolly-great-lumps-of-fat.



Kiri te Kanawa in a scene from Faust.

expecting nothing much out of the ordinary, apart from Kiri, and had an absolutely entrancing evening from beginning to end. It is true that operatic acting of the kind indulged in by the Mephistopheles has not been seen since, I would guess, about 1885, and that there was been seen since, I would guess, is a mighty masterpiece. Of thing had better be done about electoral reform published on question time, have remained silent.

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Nor, until recently, have

been better, together with a good deal of French pronuncia-tion (it was sung in the original) that ought to have been a great deal better. But what I had forgotten, or possibly never knew, was that the opera itself is a mighty masterpiece. Of

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listen to Puccini at all it they could get Faust is beyond my understanding. It has got more marvellous music than Tosca, Bohème and Butterily put together, and for my part it would still be ahead if you threw in al! Bellini. much Donizetti, Cav and Pag, and about three quarters of Berlioz. (That was a joke. Colin. honestly it was! Pur that knife Yet the astonishing thing about Faust is the way it has

why anybody should bother to

or even to the best Verdi, but less than ninety times within

fallen out of so many reper-toires. The present production is the first at Covent Garden since 1938, and it had not been done much for a good many years before that; but its former popularity was literally without compare, as you can tell from the excellent habit ing in the programme, how many performances there have been of whatever work you are seeing. I ran back through my programmes for the past couple of years, and worked out the following table: Otello 128

Fidelio 157 Lucia 171 Figuro 214 Barber 235 Bohème 260 Tosca 266 Traviata 301 Don Giovanni 314 Rigoletto 389 Faust 396 Aida 425

Now if you subtract the number of performances of the others that there have been since the war, thus making their cut-off date the same as Faust, it is clear that Faust was until then by far the most popular opera in history.
(The first two sentences in Shaw's collected volumes of music criticism are: "Some-

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# ∍I suppose we're meant to catch up on all those programmes we missed when we could afford to go oute

one reached for another drink though by that time all the scampi had been gobbled up.

#### Skittish

presented a sample show of Bric-a-Brac, a revue of songs and sketches designed to teach grammatical points and pro-nunciation of the French lan-

guage.
It was performed for an invited audience of teachers and BBC further education producers, who were required to participate heartly. They learnt how to pronounce correctly "Je ne sais pas" by answering to "Where is Napoleon, Josephine, Brigitte Bar-dot?"

Other sketches showed two tramps who stole food in which the troupe managed to squeeze in a joke about the bakers' strike. This taught possessive forms. During a magician's act the "No Smoking" sign fell imprévu off the wall. A sombre skir about an affaire àtrois followed the feelings of two moment and a magnetic desirable. women and a man as they thought their relationship through to its conclusion (" If I married him I'd have to wash his socks"). This taught the conditional tense.

#### Right on

Walking from Trafalgar Square to the Houses of Parliament yesterday, nobody could fail to know that it was Human Rights Day. About 20 people were demonstrating outside South Africa House on behalf of the Namibians. Then all down Whitehall, anti-Soviet agitators handed our leaflets supporting the cause of captive Ukrainians and Byelorussians.

The day's main attraction was in a committee room of the House of Commons where Angela Davis, the black Ameri-

political prisoners in Sout Africa.

Wearing large hoop-like rings and a lapel button ring: "Freedom is a construggle", Miss Davis sp softly and with a lazy d which betrays her Alabama gin. Introducing her, Neil nock, the red-headed Lai MP, said: "There are very heroines in our generation.

Angela Davis is certainly of them." Miss Davis's main mes: was that the struggle age oppression in Southern Af was part of the struggle oppressed people all over world. Violent struggle, believed, was the only way liberation for Southern

Asked whether her camp: for political prisoners inclu those in Czechoslovakia, she plied: "I don't happen to li**eve** that those who are p tical prisoners in Czecho vakia are fighting in the sa struggle against imperialis People who attacked social countries ignored the gawhich had been achieved

socialism.

The Soviet Union, for stance, was not suffering for the inflation which affect most countries of the wo Solzhenitsyn, who comman much front-page space in bourgeois press, represen

Miss Davis will address meeting tomorrow evening Friends House, Euston Ro She also plans, in the few d she will spend here, to c tact movements represent

#### The Four Seasons. The Vintage Room Our beautiful Four Seasons Restaurant offers a superb à la carte Menu, impeccable service and a wonderful view over the Park; which, like our food, reflects the changing attractions of each season. On the other hand, you may prefer an allinclusive luncheon, with as much wine as you wish to drink, in the relaxed and informal surroundings of our Vintage Room. (After dark, you dine and dance in our Vintage Room from 8.30 p.m. until 2 a.m. except Sundays.) Inn on the Park

When you lunch out, lunch inn

#### Robin Young ferrets behind the news at the Paris summit: The competition for infor-mation has been intense and until late last night, the pick-ings remained scant. The principals to the discussion re-mained largely out of sight. Their meetings had been divided between three centres, two of which are far removed from

briefines have been held. Yesterday at lunch time the lobby was filled with journalists. They were so eager for news that even a little consultation I had with an embassy official about the precise meaning of a special offer on a French tin of Campbell's soup was mis-taken for a private briefing. Journalists from Japan, Italy and Belgium homed in on us,

the press centre where most

trying desperately to catch the hidden meaning from our con-Interest in the British briefings has been sharpened by the edge of rivalry between Harold Wilson's press adviser. Joe Haines, and James Callaghan's spokesman, Tom McCaffrey. At the beginning of this Government it was suggested that McCaffrey, a witty and ap-proachable Scottish civil servant, should be appointed Wilson's press spokesman, while Haines would have been promoted to political adviser and

That this did not come about is attributed to Haines's avid loyalty to Wilson, which makes his guidance suspect to scepti-cal newsmen. McCaffrey is more popular, and has had diffi-culty, in not dominating the briefing sessions. Haines seldom goes beyond his opening statement—which often lays none too cunning an emphasis on

speech writer.

#### Making a meal of scant pickings colleagues—and most questions are addressed to McCaffrey. the conference has been damned as a left-wing plot in right-wing Haines said after the Elysée

dinner on Monday night that the events had been purely social but that Giscard and Wilson had both made speeches French which had been 'jokey'. He would not divulge any of Wilson's witticisms, though it is probable that, since he used to be a minor script writer for That was the Week that Was, Haines himself had contributed to them.
He said he hated talking

about food, and a diplomatic correspondent asked superciliously: "Does it marter? fact it might, since on Harold Wilson's last visit to Paris the stomach upset he contracted was blamed by the British on Giscard's oysters. Since then, during Brezhnev's visit to Paris, Foreign Minister Sauvagnargues had to be carried from a banquet on a stretcher, and both Brezhnev and Gromyko missed a subsequent luncheon. So far, this time, nobody seems to have contracted anything worse than negotiators' dyspepsia.

#### Fraternizing

Delegates to the international trade union conference on the motor car industry, which ends today, attended a cocktail party too cunning an emphasis on on Monday night at the Strand ference or its Communist parti- English speakers learning can Communist, was giving a what Wilson told his European Palace Hotel. Considering that cipants. Thus reassured, every- French. On Monday night, he press conference on behalf of

as a left-wing plot in right-wing quarters, the party was a com-fortingly bourgeois gesture on the part of the organizers-Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Transport and General Workers' Star of the night was Michael

Foot, whose arrival was heralded by the thump of I Get A Kick Out Of You from a three-piece band. He was in avuncular and Foot was not in a mood to

pay serious attention to probing questions from reporters, though he did make anxious inquiries to discover whether they were members of the National Union Journalists. When asked whether he accepted the view of an Australian delegate, that working conditions were by now a more important question than wages, Foot said genially: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the most important considerations."

It was a jolly evening. Foot hugged his wife and slapped her heartily on the back. The Russians were in particularly good humour. Jack Jones, general secretary of the TGWU assured everyone for the second time that day that there was necking given the second time that day that there was nothing sinister about the con-

# MORE TY

John Haycraft, head of a federation for teaching languages, believes language has to be dramatic for people to remember it. Four years ago he set up a teaching theatre for English, which has given shows all over the Continent Now he has turned his thoughts to English speakers learning



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#### HE LIFE OF CANTERBURY

; appeal for more than three a half million pounds to air and preserve the medieval ned glass and fabric at Cantery Cathedral is unfortunately y the latest in a long list of reals for funds for urgent airs to England's cathedrals de in the past ten years. The ndations of the west towers fork Minster, weakened by the ly pounding of traffic, have I to be secured at a cost of 1. The scaffolding that still aks the west front of St Paul's hedral is another present inder of the delicate condition many famous churches and of effect of modern decay on ir fabric. Only a few cathe-Is have escaped the need for jor repair or reconstruction in

past century.
The causes of decay are rious enough. Many cathedrals I larger churches were built ny centuries ago. Durham is 10st 900 years old, and even St al's a young building by th standards, was built 300 us ago. Medieval architects i masons made few engineermistakes although they the limits itemporary building technoy to the outer edges of sibility-the collapse of the ve at Beauvais was a rare imple of architectural ambition trunning engineering possibi-7. However, buildings of the rteenth and fourteenth centuries inevitably must require expensive maintenance and repair in the twentieth. Stone decays, cement disintegrates, timber beams turn to powder through the action of dry rot.

The activity of men in latter centuries can also quicken this process of decay. Modern drainage can lower the water table and so have a damaging effect on the stability of cathedral foundations. The natural process of decay has been accelerated in the last fifty years by two new phenomena, the damaging vibration of traffic and the corrosive effect of air pollution. In the case of York the first caused the most damage: at Canterbury the second appears to be the principal culprit.

Medieval stained glass is a rarer commodity in England than in France mainly because of the iconoclasm of the Reformation which received its fullest and most damaging expression at the time of the Civil War. Canterbury possesses perhaps the finest collection of medieval stained glass, some of which dates from 1178. Yet the outside surface of these windows has been eaten into dangerously by a corrosive acid produced by moisture in the air and sulphur dioxide. One German expert pronounced the condition of these windows "catastrophic" and predicted that they will survive at the most for another twenty years. Perhaps

the most alarming evidence of how quickly air pollution can produce such a catastrophic decay is that photographs taken in 1947 revealed only a slight blemish on the glass. So stained glass that has survived intact for almost 800 years has been put in jeopardy by the action of air pollution in a

single generation. The very urgency of the necessary repairs at Canterbury raises the question of who should bear the burden of cost. Three and a half million pounds is a very large sum to raise by public subscription even for such a worthy cause. Cathedrals are, and should remain, working churches, but they are also living museums of our history and symbols of the strength of religious faith. At a less elevated level they are tourist attractions and so contribute to foreign exchange earnings from the tourist trade.

The case for regular state aid for the upkeep of cathedrals and other major ecclesiastical monuments in use is becoming stronger, but its full implications are not yet accepted. An alternative, the introduction of admission charges on a wide scale, would inevitably make cathedrals less like living churches and more like museums of a dead past. A public appeal is the only ready means of raising the necessary money; and an appeal for the capital church of English Christianity is especially deserving of support.

#### PPLYING COMMON SENSE TO CONTEMPT

e Phillimore Committee on itempt of court has tried hard eform the existing chaotic law making a large number of ommendations which, taken as whole, would have the beneal effect both of making the more certain and of liberalizit to take account of modern iditions. Many of the more portant proposals are aimed at onciling in a rational way the per administration of justice I the freedom of publication. e report is a well-balanced one, . inevitably it will fail to satisfy ny of the interests which it is signed to advance.

The group of proposals on the ne-periods within which the sk of contempt would lie are rhaps the most significant from ne point of view of everyday ewspaper and broadcasting prac-ce. Both for criminal and civil ises, however, the committee has ade recommendations which ay create as many problems as ev solve. For criminal cases, it s decided that the possibility of ntempt should only arise after charge has been laid or a mmons issued. This would ean that whilst a man was on e run, with a warrant issued ainst him, or even where he has en arrested but not yet charged, y amount of prejudicial matter uld be published against him. here is already an example of e harm which could be done to accused's right to a fair trial in e Lord Lucan case. The pubnty given to his past life, and e conclusions inferred, would ake any future trial particularly nsitive to allegations of unfair-

The period between arrest or

detention and charge would be equally open to abuse. Recently, in the Birmingham and Guildford bombing cases, several days have elapsed between persons being taken into custody and the charge being laid. Under the Phillimore committee's proposals that period could become open season for the type of background, investigative and potentially prejudicial material which at present is usually reserved for after the trial. The committee rejected the concept of "imminent" arrest as being too uncertain but what it has suggested in its place will not prevent prejudice.

For civil cases, it has proposed a starting-point which is unsatisfactory for the opposite reason. In saying that the relevant date should be the setting down a case for trial, the committee has opened the way for comment or fact to be stifled for a period which may be as long as two years or more, as Lord Denning pointed out in his evidence to mittee, Lord Denning was of the opinion that, the relevant starting point should be the date when the case was actually listed for hearing, some two or three months at most before the date of trial. Lord Salmon believed that cases before a judge alone (which all civil cases other than libel now are) did not need the protection of the law of contempt at all. Mr Robin Day, in his persuasive note of reservation, chooses a compromise between these two eminent views, and suggests a "sub-judice" list published one or two weeks before the date of trial. Either his proposal or Lord Denning's would be acceptable, but the much longer time period which

the Committee's recommendation would lead to is excessive.

The committee rejected the creation of a defence of public benefit to an allegation of contempt. Its reason was, mainly, that it would introduce another element of uncertainty into a field of the law which it was attempting to make more certain. This approach, while commendable over the field of contempt as a whole, can do a disservice in some circumstances. The defence that, although possibly prejudicial to the individual litigant, a publication was so much to the public benefit that it outweighed the individual interest, would have been useful. By its nature, it could not be used except in relatively rare cases where a serious point was sought to be made. The proposal that pressure on a litigant in the form of a campaign—such as that which The Sunday Times launched against the Distillers Company on the thalidomide issue-should not be subject to the law of contempt does mitigate the rejection of the public benefit defence.

The committee has also shown commendable sense in its approach to the circumstances in the Paul Foot case, even though it did not know the result of the case when it made its comments. Mr Foot was found guilty of contempt in revealing the names of blackmail victims after a trial judge had asked that they be referred to by initials only. The Phillimore committee suggests, as has been argued in The Times. that it is necessary to pass legislation to place on a statutory basis a judge's ruling that names should not be revealed.

#### 'he other Irish

om Mr Donald Madewick ir, I have just returned from a eek's visit to Dublin, where I have en attending a production of my reretta The Savoyards. May I be llowed, in these difficult times, to nument on the unaffected warmth nd friendliness of the people, and teir almost total absence of ectarian animosity? Last Friday's ala performance was attended by number of distinguished clergymen f all denominations headed by lis Grace the Archbishop of bublin, Dr Buchanan, and the uxiliary Bishop of Dublin, Dr arroll, respectively representing ne Protestant and Catholic faiths. more harmonious gathering ould be imagined; and in my curain speech I was able to say, withut irony, that I was shortly to take leave and fly back to the

During my stay I met no one who ad even a muted word of excuse or the recent terrible events in uildford and Birmingham. Outside he Provisional Sinn Fein offices I vitnessed a brave vigil by a large umber of placard-carrying students and others calling for reconciliation. Their leading slogan "The Provos Don't Speak for Us" had the sup-lort of the overwhelming mass of the people.

I hope these facts will be borne n mind before any anti-Irish sentiment has a chance to take root. Yours faithfully. DONALD MADGWICK, 11 Quadrant Road. Thornton Heath, Surrey.

#### Detente in Atrica

MP for Haltemprice Sir, If progress is to be made towards a detente in Southern Africa two points must be borne in mind. The strength of the white minorities clust not be underestimated. The armies in Algeria and Mozambique were controlled from Paris and

From Mr Patrick Wall, Conservative

Lisbon respectively and once the will of the home country to fight had disappeared the result was inevitable. These precedents do not apply to Salisbury and Pretoria. Secondly, it should be rememhered that both Joshua Nkomo and Dr Sithole signed the 1961 Consti-

tution and later under pressure from their followers withdrew their agreement. The same happened last year with Bishop Muzorewa's agreement with Mr Smith. Zimbabwe African National Union and Zimbabwe African People's Union have always been at loggerheads as they are based on hostile tribal groupings as well as being supported by China and the USSR respectively. Their concentration under Frolizi in the early 70s merely resulted in a third grouping.

Their present grouping under African National Congress leader ship can therefore only be taken as a short-term tactical move, albeit a wise one. Negotiations will continue, but as no Rhodesian group, black or white, trusts each other, any settlement reached must be guaranteed both by the Presidents of Zambia, Botswana and Tanzania, as well as by South Africa. If this can be achieved, the whole Southern Africa which is so potentially dangerous in the broader East-West context could be de-fused.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK WALL. House of Commons.

#### **Britain and British**

From Professor J. T. Coppock Sir, Recent discussion on legislation to combat terrorism has again highlighted the ambiguous use of terms to describe the constituent parts of the United Kingdom and of their inhabitants. From time to time the word "Britain" is used as a synonym for England (and vice versa, both to the annoyance of the Scots), England and Wales, Great Britain, the present United Kingdom and what used to be called (to the annoyance of the Irish) the British Isles. Similarly, "British" has been used to describe citizens of any of these areas or to describe any

attribute of them. May I, at the risk of accusations of pedantry and of perpetuating the myth that geographers are merely concerned with the names and locations of places, plend for consistency so that we are all quite clear what we are rolking about. In particular, I propose that "Britain" should never be used and that "Great Britain" should be employed when reference is intended to the island on which England, Scotland and

Wales are located; similarly, "British" should be confined to citizens of the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) or to attributes of that kingdom.

to the United Kingdom, and this use of Britain is the one possible exception that might be permitted. It is also true that such practice will pro-vide no convenient term for inhabi-tants of England and Wales and for those of Great Britain; but this is a small price to pay for avoiding ambiguity. Of course, if the United Kingdom contracts or ceases to exist, some further clarification will be necessary, though there will continue to be a need for a term to describe the island of Great Britain. Yours faithfully,

J. T. LOL. Geography, University of Edinburgh, High School Yards,

#### From Lord Bernstein and Mr Ivor

Sir, The BBC in their notes in the Radio Times stated apropos the December 6 showing of S. M. Eisenstein's film The Battleship Potemkin that "tonight for the first time, it is being shown in this country, complete with the score especially written by Edmund Meisel".

It was noted in the Film Society Programme that, when protest in Stuttgart secured the lifting of a ban on the film itself, the Meisel music could nevertheless not be used as it remained forbidden there, as staatsgefaehrlich! Yours faithfully, SIDNEY BERNSTEIN,

#### It is true that a government publi-cation is entitled "Britain: an Official Handbook", though it refers

T. COPPOCK, Professor of

#### 'The Battleship Potemkin'

This statement is erroneous. The film was shown, complete and with the Meisel music, in the 33rd Programme of the Film Society, at the Tivoli, Strand, on November 10. 1929. The orchestra at the perform ance was conducted by the composer himself, and the director who was present was then hearing the music, made originally for the German distribution of the film, for the first

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Christmas closure of maternity units

From Mrs Peter Matthews Sir, A decision to close maternity units over Christmas seems a curious way to celebrate the birth of Christ. Indeed what will those liberated from work be celebrating? Appar-ently it's still a problem to find a place to be born. Yours truly, PAMELA MATTHEWS,

1 Edwards Place, Kensington High Street, W8.

#### Children in hospital

From Mr P. W. Dixon Sir, I read with great interest the letter from Mrs Angela Rumbold (December 9) as to visiting of child-ren in hospital. I entirely agree with ther that emotional security—and these are her own words—can best be achieved by allowing parents free access at all times to their children while they are in hospital. At Great Ormand Street—and we hope that we present as a national and international children's hospital—we have subscribed to this philosophy for many years, and indeed have sizeable parental accommodation, apart from free

access visiting. There is, unfortunately, another side to this coin, and that is one of security, about which we are greatly concerned. We have, in common with many hospitals, a fairly mon with many hospitals, a fairly regular pattern of petty theft and some major thieving of material and equipment. We have had one "snatch" of a child, which in Z car terms would be a domestic affair, but I think on the whole it may be that hospitals have gone too far in the direction of free access, and I dread the occasion when a child might be lifted for when a child might be lifted for any reason because the hospital has allowed free access without any sort

of security as to visitors.

My Board of Governors has given serious consideration to this problem and has examined the problem of identity cards and photographs: on the whole, our feeling is that this would not be welcome, but, nevertheless what would be the headlines in your paper, as well as others, if a child were removed be-cause we give free and unchallenged access at anytime of the day or night? I use the word "unchal-lenged" because it is quite impos-sible to ask overworked and harassed nursing staff, or for that matter other hospital personnel, to challenge every person allowed access to a busy general hospital. Yours faithfully, PETER DIXON, House Governor

and Secretary. The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormand Street, WC1.

#### Distributing food

From Sir Gcoffrey Vickers Sir, Your correspondent, Mr W. A. M. Edwards (December 5) is far-sighted but I fear premature in calling for food rationing. Rationing can begin only when a commodity is and is perceived to be too scarce to be distributed by the market. This point will be reached (in grains) when food and fodder importers, whether "developed" importers, whether "developed" (Britain, Japan) or "undeveloped" (India) bid against each other even more fiercely for their minimally needed share in an inadequate world surplus produced by the three or four countries which are still net

exporters of grain.
Since a market is an unacceptable means to distribute scarce essentials (for example, places in the inade-quate lifeboats of a sinking ship) someone, the producers if no one else, will then have to impose some rough and ready quota allocations, as the oil companies did to some extent in the oil crisis and as government did better, in grains, in the years immediately following the last war. Then—but I fear not be-fore then—we may hope to get (a) food rationing and perhaps other rationing as well; (b) the massive shift from fodder grains to food grains which alone can quickly raise the world's effective food supply; (c) let us hope, an end to the efforts of every pressure group in England to pass its share of austerity on to the backs of others; and even (d) a quickened sense of national responsibility in a nation far better endowed than most by both history

and geography.

Meantime let us hope that beneath our disreputable public performances learning is going on. Learning takes time. It may not yet appear in action. It may none less be real enough to trigger right action when the crunch comes. We shall soon see.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY VICKERS, Little Mead. Reading, Berkshire.

#### The Caprivi strip

From Mr B. A. Young Sir, When the South Africans leave Namibia, should not something be done about the Caprivi Strip? This geographical absurdity never served any good purpose, and administratively it drives national barriers through tribal territories in a manner even more unnecessary than usual. It was once administered by the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and now that Botswana has achieved adult nationhood I suggest she should be asked to take it over once more and rationalise the frontiers

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servent, B. A. YOUNG,

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#### Police files on bombers

From Mr H. P. M. Reay Sir, The police have had a great deal of information to help them with the bombers; some of this must have come from otherwise good IRA men who cannot stand the carnage.

If so, is it likely that they would have been willing to "betray" their comrades if the penalty was hanging? Yours faithfully, PAUL REAY, 24 St John Street, EC1. December 6.

#### Censor and Ulster terrorism

From Lord Brookeborough Sir, I would be grateful if you would grant me space in your columns to dual with some of the matters raised by your Northern Ireland Correspon-

dent, Mr Fisk, in his article on December 3, 1974.

Mr Fisk protested about the present restrictions being volun-tarily exercised by the media concerning the appearance of men of violence on the screen. He also poured scorn on the reported view of the GOC, Northern Ireland, that the IRA depended heavily on media exposure. But to many in Northern Ireland General King's comments that "all terrorist organizations thrive on propaganda and without the exaggrated attention of the media the IRA would probably have languished and died " will have the

ring of truth. What worries me most in this article is the attitude indicated by your Correspondent. He criticizes an imaginary official censorship but makes no mention of the real threat. That threat is attempted censorship by the men of violence.

I can find no mention in your paper of the vicious attempt by the Provisional IRA to intimidate the press when they held ar gunpoint for several hours two representatives of a London daily newspaper—at the same time as the bombs were explod-ing in Birmingham. Nor is this the first time that threats-veiled or otherwise-have been made to reporters by the terrorists.

Governments face a major prob-lem on how democracies should deal with terrorists. We have always welcomed dissenters: they advocate change by consent. The vile methods of the terrorist make his case different in kind. Faced with terrorism we must be prepared to take steps adequate to meet the threat in order to preserve our liberties for the future. Access to the media is a major weapon of modern terrorism; we must deprive them of

that weapon.

The directive under which RTE operates in the Republic of Ircland indicates a sense of Government responsibility on this issue which we should seek to emulate.

Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, the Dublin Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, summed up the problem very well when he said on October 26:

"Fake liberals protest against all 'repressive legislation', but the laws against crime are necessarily repressive, and armed conspiracy is the most dangerous of crimes.... If a democratic government is generally felt to have abused its powers by excessive use of repressive legisla-tion then it falls and is replaced by another democratic government. But if it fails to provide an adequate response to the armed conspiracy, and thereby succumbs to that con-

co Fermanagh.

spiracy, then it will be succeeded by a dictatorship."
What price Mr Fisk's "Freedom of the Press "? BROOKEBOROUGH, Ashbrooke,

From Mr Eric Blott Sir, Robert Fisk performs a praise-worthy public service with his article (December 3) attacking the

concept of censorship, whether by dictat or self-imposition. His opening quotation from an IBA spokesman: "Our duty to IBA spokesman: "Our duty to inform the public on all aspects of the Irish situation will have to be

the Irish situation will have to be weighed against our other one which is not to give offence to others", spotlights the grave dangers inherem in this highly emotive area.

Truth is that in a democracy worthy of the name it is often necessary to bring the public face to face with persons and opinions they find repugnant. The concept that "someone somewhere" will sween them one somewhere" will sweep them quietly into obscurity so that a particular group will not be offended trankly frightens me. How far, I ask myself, is this from the same "someone somewhere" claiming the power to determine all I might see or hear? After all, many news items

are offensive to someone.

The NUJ has always subscribed to the view that any censorship of news works against the interests of a free society. We spoke out forcibly against the timid, over-cautious approach to Irish affairs adopted by the BBC, and the state limitations imposed on our RTE members in the

Republic. Far from attacking Mary Holland and her television interview with David O'Connell (which, inciden-tally, those who saw it will have recognized as being anything but sympathetic), politicians and others ought rather to be commending ber for providing the opportunity to see the kind of person who wishes to bring death and destruction to our

I don't believe it can be pure accident that Dr Goebbels found it advantageous to deny the German public access to the views of those who opposed the Nazi regime, or that an array of Communist states make similar use of such limitations. Robert Fisk is right to acknow-ledge that citizens are the poorer

for being denied access to all points of view, even those of people who seek to intimidate us. Most certainly some sensibilities will be affronted on these occasions, but in the view of my Union this is a very small price to pay for genuine freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely, ERIC BLOTT, Deputy General Secretary, National Union of Journalists, 314 Grays Inn Road, WC1. December 5.

#### Law of sedition

From Ms Patricia Hewitt und others Sir, We, the undersigned, consider the Incitement to Disaffection Act 1934 to be an unacceptable infringement of free expression in this country.

The Act—which makes it an offence to "maliciously and advisedly endeavour to seduce any member of Her Majesty's Forces from his duty or allegiance" or to possess any document whose distribution amongst the Forces would consti-tute an offence—fell into disuse for over 30 years. In 1972, however, Michael Tobin was sentenced to the maximum of two years' imprisonment, simply for possessing certain leaflets. He has now appealed to the European Commission of Human Rights. In May this year. Pat Arrowsmith was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for distributing leaflets at an Army barracks, despite an earlier assurance from the Director of Public Prosecutions that she would not be so charged. In the last month, 14 more people have been charged with offences under the Act, and with conspiring to breach

The Act contains similar provisions to those of a number of other statutes in the confused and archaic field of sedition law. We consider it to be dangerous, invoking "pro-tection" of the Forces to justify intolerably wide powers of censor-ship. Its introduction was opposed in 1934 on the grounds that it would

be a powerful weapon in the hands of a government which decided to restrict the communication of ideas and information. That is precisely

bow it is being used today.

We therefore call for the repeal
of the Act and the withdrawal of ted, as the basis for a reform of the law of sedition, which would guarantee the rights of civilians to distribute material and rights of soldiers to read it. We do this in the knowledge that such a call has the sunport of many members of the legal, literary, entertainment and teaching professions; as well as that of many trades unionists, politicians and political organizations both in this country and abroad.

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA HEWITT, Acting General Secretary, National Council for EDWARD BOND.

E. H. S. BURHOP. MARTIN ENNALS, Secretary-General, Amnesty International.

D. FRANCIS, Secretary, South Wales Area, National Union of Mine-

WILLIAM HETHERINGTON, Nationa) Vice-Chairman, Peace Pledge IOHN MORTIMER

HAROLD PINTER, DORA RUSSELL. DAN SMITH, General Secretary, Campaign for Nuclear Disarma-

As from NCCL. 186 Kings Cross Road, WC1.

#### Tied housing From Mr G. J. Main

Sir, May I, as a farm manager, liv-ing in a "tied" house and therefore seeing both sides of the question. add a few comments? I am sorry that a matter which is

largely practical has become politi-cal and emotive. The result has been that much that has been printed reads more like propaganda than statements of fact. No one actually knows whether the majority of farm workers are in

favour of retaining tied cottages or not. To find this out one would have to hold a referendum! The official policy of the NUAW is to end the system. This policy

may or may not represent the view of the majority of its members. However, a great number (and, I suspect a majority) of farm workers are not members of the union. If the system is abolished, farmers will have to change their policy so that the farm can be run solely by themselves, their family and perhaps some contract help.

put of home-grown food, particularly from livestock farms, and an increased "drift" (or is it "push") from the land.

There are, I know, some cases of

This will result in a reduced out-

hardship but, in my opinion, the Government should concentrate its efforts on alleviating these rather than abolishing a whole system, which in spite of its drawbacks, does work.

Yours faithfully, G. J. MAIN. Bardous Farm. Toys Hill. Westerham, Kent.

#### Health Service and Nalgo

From Mr Brian Adcock Sir, I read with dismay your report on December 3 about the members of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo) who work in the administrative and clerical branches of the National Health Service being called on by the union to ban all overtime, to work one hour a week less (two hours in London), and to work to

As with the action by Nalgo in June, this decision appears to be made by the National Executive Council without any effort whatsoever to consult Nalgo members generally. I am a Nalgo member, and I can-

rule.

not discover who urged the National Executive Council to take this action. Even assuming that some branches urged this action, there was certainly no consultation with any other health branches through-out the country to discover whether this action would be approved.

Nalgo has, in my view, now ex-posed itself to ridicule by calling upon its members to disrupt hospitals and other health service premises for the sake of a reduction of one hour in the basic working week. I would guess that most staff are not in the least interested in working one hour less because they know that the same amount of work must be completed within the reduced working week. In such circum-stances staff would feel more under pressure and more frustrated.

Nalgo was founded with the intention to promote staffs' interests so that the public could be served better. It now appears to me that it is betraying these aims, and is no longer able to claim to represent accurately the views of its members. Yours faithfully,

BRIAN ADCOCK, District Administrator, The Mid-Surrey District. Surrey Area Health Authority, West Park Hospital,

Horton Lane, Epsom,

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#### A fair balance in the arts

From Mr Robert Fleming Sir. With reference to today's Leader (December 9) "Striking a fair balance in the arts", the statement that the arts make no direct contribution to the balance of payments is not true.

At the moment, the number of plays and players on Broadway from England is a large proportion of the whole, and a return from royalties and solaries, at least in part, comes back to this country. This has been in varying degrees from season to season the case for many years. To which can be added similar situations throughout the English-speaking world.

It might also be added that perhaps a little prestige may accrue. Indeed, there is a strong case for the arts on the grounds of earnings in the export market to say nothing of the inducement to tourism in this

country. Secondly, it is not true that no industrial sponsorship goes to regional activities. It does exist, and examples can be found, although it is still regrettably on a small scale. Mr Jenkins is right to hope for an increase in this direction, and it is to be hoped that he will be allowed practical means of encouraging it. Yours faithfully. ROBERT FLEMING, Garrick Club. WC2.

December 9. From Mr John Pudnen Sir, While I doubt if you are right in stating that the arts "make no direct contribution to the balance of payments" many people who com-pose, paint, or write for a living will agree with your statement that "the Government would be right not to lets its hand fall too heavily on

the arts next year ". But look what the Government proposes to do to individuals selfemployed in the arts next year! Artists, writers and musicians are being assaulted by yet another increase in state contributions which can only reduce their living standards at a time when employed people are clamouring for more and usually getting it. The cumuning against the self-employed is going to knocks the arts very hard indeed. Yours faithfully,

JOHN PUDNEY. 4 Macartney House, Chesterfield Walk, Greenwich Park, SE10.

#### Clergy stipends

From the Reverend P. H. Thompson Sir, The announcement that incumbents are to receive an additional £1 per week to their stipend brings into perspective the plight of only one category in our society which has no redress against those who create inflation by excessive wage demands. The plight of the married clergy with children who have long borne their burden nobly, must now be reaching the state of the intolerable. The Church of England instituted the principle of married clergy in the si: teenth cen tury but it has never come to grips with the problem of providing adequately for them. The majority of the parochial clergy have always been poor for the most part and with the gloomy prognostications of the decline of our national economy it looks as though there is little prospect of them ever being any-

Parishes are to be pressed to con-tribute to increase the stipends of clergy to a considerable degree, but the fact remains that many will not have the capacity to do so. The vasily increased costs of maintaining plant, etc. is going to be more than many will manage. The resources of the Church Commissioners are now stretched to their utmost taking into account pensions, widows' pensions, rates and main-tenance of parsonage houses.

has not the time come for some courageous leadership and vision in the Church to revive the ideal of a celibate clergy? As an incourried priest I am able to get by on a minimum London Diopesan I run a car and I have a holiday, but if the Church is to reduce the number of men to be ordained on account of lack of money to pay them, the end can only be disastrous.

With an unmarried priesthood it. would be possible for a number of clergy to live in a central house, each with his own self-contained apartment, perhaps sharing a common table and the expenses of a housekeeper and domestic help. Clergy houses are not for the most part satisfactory; where the clergy live in common. The main problem for the unmarried priest is lonelinger and domestic areas. ness and domestic care. Living separately in a central establishment would obviate this. Each priest would be responsible for his own parish with its own individuality; each parish would contribute expenses of car, telephone, etc. In this way many extensive country areas as well as urban areas would

be adequately provided with a priest. And is there any reason why rathedral dignitaries should receive stipends in excess of the parochial clergy? They could have charge of churches in their area which did not require a full time priest. Yours faithfully.

P. H. THOMPSON. 9 The Fairway, South Ruislip, Middlesex.

December 6.

#### Put upon? From Mr Geoffrey Payton

Sir, Can anyone explain the uponiza, tion of our towns—Stratford-upon-Avon, etc? Why is Burton upon but Stoke merely on the Trent? Is there some Royal town-upping court that confers the stately "upon", or can anyone join in—eg Leigh-upon-Sea. Barrow-within Furness, Barron underneath Needwood, Stoke-notfar-from Nayland, Harrow-on-top-ofthe-Hill?

Or perhaps further civic pride should be denied, and set aside, and mortified? Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY PAYTON Vinehall. South Zeal. Okehampton, Devon December 5.

#### Paul **Gallico**

Mrs. Harris goes to Moscow

#### Catherine Cookson

The Mallen Litter

#### Monica **Dickens**

Last Year when I was Young

#### Victor Canning The Mask of

Memory

#### **Doris** Leslie The Incredible

**Duchess** 

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

#### **Dodie Smith**

Look Back with Love Illustrated

CHILDREN'S BOOK

#### Helen **Oxenbury** & Brian Alderson

Cakes & Custard



#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr M. R. Kenyon and Miss M. A. Southby The engagement is announced between Martin Robert Kenyon of 27 Sussex Mansions, Old Brompton Road, London, SW7, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs W P Kenyon, of Lydbury North, Shropshire, and Mary Anne Southby, of 19 Cleveland Square, London, W2, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander P. H. J. and Lady Anne Southby, of Guadalmina, Spain.

Captain W. R. H. Cobham, RA and Miss I. J. Mullin
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Cobham, of Uley, Gloucestershire, and Janine, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs W. S. Mullin, of 27 Kensington Square. London. W8. ton Square, London, W8.

Mr N. Finer and Miss S. T. Dent The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of the Hon Mr Justice and Lady Finer, of Hampstead, and Susan Teresa, second daughter of Professor and Mrs Charles Dent, of Ealing.

Mr C. D. Kimpton and Miss C. A. Wynne-Tyson
The engagement is announced
between Charles, younger son of
Mr and Mrs J. A. Kimpton, of
Knowle's Tooth. Hurstpierpoint,
Sussex, and Caroline, elder daughloc of Mr and Mes I Wynne ter of Mr and Mrs J. Wynne-Tyson, of Paddocks, Fontwell.

Mr P. G. Westcott
and Miss C. E. Jolly
The engagement is announced
between Philip Grabam, only son
of Mr and Mrs George Westcott,
of Hildenborough, Keut, and
Carole Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan R. Jolly, of

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, December 10, 1949 From Our United Nations

Flushing Mesdow, Dec 9—The Gen-ral Assembly, by 38 votes to 14, with seven absternions, took the ristoric decision late tonight to place Jerusalem and the Holy Places outside the city under a full international statute adminis-ered by the United Nations. The irusmessip council is directed to Muslim votes, joined throughout director of the National Childbirth and proceed to their execution,

whatever the attitude of interested Governments—and judging by the declarations of Israel and the Kingdom of Jordan, the military occupants of the city, it has an oner-

From early morning this last full-dress debate of the Assembly -and an extraordinary one it was -had witnessed an eleventh-hour endeavour, led by Britain and the United States, to sway members from this extreme course.



#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 10: The Queen held an

this morning.

Mr James Hamilton, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household)
was received in audience by Her
Majesty and presented Addresses
from the House of Common to which The Queen was graciously
pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh this
morning gave a lecture to the
Students of The Royal College of
Defence Studies at Seaford House, Belgrave Square, and was later entertained at luncheon.

His Royal Highness, as Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace this evening for Friends of the

Trust.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President, attended the Bicentenary Dinner of the Royal Society of Arts at John Adam Street and subsequently presented the Albert and the Benjamin Franklin Medals for 1974 Medals for 1974.

Major Henry Hugh Smith was in attendance. Her Majesty was represented by the Earl of Westmorland (Lord in Waiting)

the Earl of Westmorland (Lord in Waiting) at the memorial Service for His Excellency Air Erskine H. Childers (President of the Republic of Ireland) which was held at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, this morning.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Winterbottom (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, today upon the arrival of The Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE

December 10: Queen Elizabeth

The Queen Mother this afternoon
opened the Exhibition of the
Suffolk Collection at Ranger's
House, Blackheath.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston
and Major John Griffin were in
attendance.

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Her Majesty this evening honoured the President of the Royal Society of Arts (The Duke of Edinburgh) with her presence at the Bicentenary Dinner and afterwards received the Albert Medal for 1974.

Mrs. Particle Campbell Present

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr R. S. Scrivener. Assistant Under-Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs KENSINGTON PALACE
December 10: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
was present this evening at a Ball
held at Biba's Restaurant, W8, in
aid of Action Research for the
Criminal Child

Crippled Child. Mrs Jocelyn Stevens was in

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
Detember 10: The Duke of Kent, as Colonel, today received Colonel
Murray de Klee on his appointment as Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Scots Guards and Colonel
Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bt. on relinquishing this appointment.

appointment.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, and The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Life-Boat

and Mermaid Ball at the Dor-chester Hotel.
Licutenant-Commander Richard Buckley. RN, and Mrs Peter Vilmot-Sitwell were in attendance.

Mr P. J. Barton and Miss V. B. Snelling and Miss V. B. Snelling

The engagement is announced between Paul John, elder son of yesterday at which he conferred Mrs Peter Doughty, of Cherry Burton, and Victoria Beverley, elder daughter of Commander Michael Trevor Snelling, RN, of Camberley, Surrey, and Mrs Angela Banks, of Bishop Burton, and first granddaughter of Sir Basil and Lady Parkes. of East Yorkshire.

and Miss J. P. F. M. Glenny The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. Phillip Bache, of The Brook House. Himbleton, near Droitwich, Worcestershire, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Raymond Glenny, of Cros-combe Cottage. Gerrards Cross,

Buckinghamshire. and Miss J. C. Peyton-Jones The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mrs Robert Francis, of 19 Scarsdale Villas, WS, and Julia, eldest daughter of Mr Jeremy Peyton-Jones, of Rodsall Manor, Puttenham, Guildford, and of Mrs Rhoua Peyton-Jones, of 6 Douro Place, WS.

Mr A. R. Noble and Miss C. S. Birrell The engagement is admounced between Anthur, only son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Noble, of Rosemiland, Fivemiletown, co Tyrone, Northern Ireland, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. D. Birrell, of Grams, Grants Lane, Limpsfield, Oxted, Surrey.

Mr M. J. Mowat and Miss C. B. Farvar Bell The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs John Mowat, of Lake House, Ellesmere, Salop, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. C. Farrar Bell, of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire.



Dr Coggan and Lord Astor of Hever examining one of the cathedral windows that have been

#### Crisis fund cathedral

By Philip Howard

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Canning House

**Dinners** 

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Mr E. Childers

ant of Fife.

Dr Coggan, in his first important public appearance since his con-firmation as Archbishop of Canter-

firmation as Archbishop of Canterbury, used the opportunity yesterday to launch an appeal for £3.5m to rescue the cathedral where he will be enthroned in January.

While Archbishop of York, Dr. Coggan successfully completed a £2m appeal for York Minster, at that date the largest sum ever raised for a single building. In the great hammer-beamed half of Lambeth Palace, he said: "If we go to it with a will, I have no shadow of doubt that the appeal will succeed." He said he believed the state should contribute to preserving great church buildings, "if only on pragmatic grounds. These great

Scrivener were hosts yesterday at a luncheon at the Hyde Park Horel on the occasion of the Anglo-Bulgarian cultural talks.

Langham Life Assurance Company Mr Robert McCrindle, MP, was host at a luncheon of the Langham

Life Assurance Company at the House of Commons yesterday. Some 40 insurance brokers were

Royal Society of Arts The Duke of Edinburgh, as presi-

dent, presided and presented the society's gold Albert Medal to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at a bicentenary dinner of the Royal Society of Arts last night. He also presented Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias with the society's Rentant President President

Benjamin Franklin Medal. The guests, who represented the per-forming arts, were received by Sir John Stratton, a vice-president, and

the Order of the Liberator on the

Duke of Westminster, Viscount Eccles and Mr John Temple. The guests included the Ambassadors of Peru, Panama and Bolivia, the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

members of Parliament, representa-

tives of the Foreign and Common-wealth Office, and members of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, with their ladies.

Lord Balerno
Lord Balerno was host last night at the House of Lords for the annual London dinner of the Old Glenalmonds. Sir Alec Douglas-Home was in the chair and proposed the toast Floreat Glenalmond, to which the warden, Mr J. Musson, replied.

Physicians, Edinburgh

Dr J. W. Crofton has been re-

elected president of the Royal

College of Physicians, Edinburgh,

with Dr R. F. Robertson as vice-

president, and Dr James Innes,

Dr A. K. M. Macrae, Dr Hamish

Watson, Dr A. J. Keay and Dr

Clifford Mawdaley as members of

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Westmorland at a memorial service for Mr Erskine Childers

service for Mr Erskine Childers held yesterday at St Peter's, Eaton Square. The Rev Desmond B. Tillyer, officiated and read a lesson. The Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland also read a lesson, and the Bishop of London pronounced the blessing. The Lord Chancellor represented her Majesty's Government, Mr Edward Heath, MP, was represented by Mr Ian Gilmour, MP, and Mr Jeremy Thorpe, MP, by Lord Amulree.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Lord Kilmany to be Lord Lieuten-

Lord Fraser as a member of the

Privy Council. Mr V. Coleman, formerly of King

Memorial service

Royal College of

other members of the council.

churches bring a very great deal of money into the country from the very many people who come to Britain just to see buildings like Canterbury Cathedral."

The mother church of Christianity in England, whose roots stretch back to Augustine, needs as much money as would buy a seventh of a Concorde or a few yards of of a Concorde or a few yards of Channel tunnel to maintain itself as it has for the past eight centuries as a monumental witness to man's belief in God. Without immediate restoration, the medieval stained glass, built by William of Sens between 1170 and 1190, will disintegrate. The same corrosive acids in the modern atmosphere are crumbling the stonework and will destroy the fabric if nothing is done. Inflation threatens the long tradition of choral music, and without the appeal the choir of Canterbury will be silenced.

Canon Joseph Robinson, canon

Canon Joseph Robinson, canon treasurer of the cathedral, said: "This is a national project, because Canterbury Cathedral stands for something for us all. and belongs to us all, not as a

Institute of Chartered Secretaries

and Administrators
The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators yester-

day held its annual dinner in Guild-

hall. Guests were welcomed by Sir

Stanley Morton, president of the institute, accompanied by Lady Wycherley. Speakers after dinner included the Lord Major, the Earl of Seikirk, Lord Redcliffe-Maud,

Sir Stanley Morton. Mr David Marwood, vice-president, and

LOID Netherthorpe. The other guests included:
The Ambassadors of Denmark and South Africa, the High Communications of Julay-sia and senior representatives of commerce, industry, the public service and the professions. Lord Netherthorpe. The other

Air Squadron A dinner of the Air Squadron was held last night at Boodle's. Among

held last night at Boodle's. Among those present were:

Mr Simon Ames, the Hon Hugh Astor. Group Captain Douglas Bader. Mr Wartin C Barrachough. the Hon Anthony Cayeer. Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP. Sir William Dugdale. Group Captain Hugh Dundas, Mr Robin d'Erlanger. Mr Nor Taniconer. Mr Anthony Haig-Thomas. the Hon Patrick Lindsay. Mr Basil Mavroleon. Major David Constable-Maxwell, Mr Kenneth McAlpine, Mr Dessiond Norman. Mr Thomas Sopwith. Mr Thomas Storey. Lord Straincarant. Lord Straincara and Moont Royal, Mr Adrian C. Swire. Air Commodore Aldernan and Sherilt the Hon Peter Vanneck. Mr Gerald Ward, Lord Walerpark, and Colonel John S. Williams-Wynne.

Educational Publishers Council

lishers Council, Mr John Nesbitt,

the director and members of the executive entertained at dinner members of Parliament of all parties at the Lafayette Restaurant

A dinner of the Law Society Cricket Club was held last night at the Law Society's hall. Mr T. L. Outhwaite was in the chair, Other

sneakers were Mr E H S Single.

ton, president of the Law Society,

Mr J. L. Bowron, secretary-general, and Mr Frank Crozier.

The annual dinner of Vincent's Club was held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr I. S. O. Haslewood was in the chair and Mr Edward Heath was guest of honour.

Sir Anthony Abell, 68; Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore, 55; Sir Harold Banwell, 74; Lientenant-Colonel Sir Walter Burrell, 71;

Lieutenant-General Sir Neil Cantile, 82: Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, 67: Sir Clavering Fison, 32: Lieutenant-General Sir

Keuneth McLean, 78; Mr Clifford Michelmore, 55; Sir Donald Sargent, 68; Sir Eric Scott, 83.

and Miss E. Holt The marriage took place at Wantage, Oxfordshire on December

between Mr Richard Lithgow

o. between Mr Richard Lingdow, son of Lieutepant-Colonel and Mrs W. S. P. Lithgow, and Miss Emma Holt, daughter of the late Mr Jeremy John Holt and Mrs Richard Cobbold.

The Queen has appointed the Prince of Wales to be Great Master of the Order of the Bath. He will

succeed his great-uncle, the late

Mr John Cuckney, Senior Crown Agent and Chairman of the Board of Crown Agents, to be a deputy

chairman of Stanley Gibbons

Mr J. H. Loveridge, Bailiff of

Guernsey, to be a Judge of Appeal

Order of the Bath

Duke of Gloucester.

Law Society Cricket Club

Vincent's Club, Oxford

Birthdays today

Marriage

Mr R. P. Lithgow

An exhibition of the decay of the cathedral was on view in Lambeth Palace and will be opened shortly at Canterbury. It comains some of the medieval winnows, some of the medieval winnows, nearly completely eaten away by chemicals in the atmosphere that are turned to sulphuric acid by rain. Beneath the layers of grysum, hydrated silica, and calcium sulphate, the glass is corroded to less than a quarter of its original thickness.

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One of the "genealogical panels", depicting the descent of Christ from Adam, took three craftsmen six months to restore the intricate process of moniding, scrubing, and splinting, it involved the repair of 140 separate pieces of glass.

#### Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Royal Society of Arts, attends inaugural Tolansky memorial lecture given by Sir Owen Saurders, entitled "Can science solve the energy problem?" John Adam Street, Adelphi, 6 pm; attends a diamer given by the Reclamation Industries Council at the Ritz Hotel, 8 pm. Ritz Hotel, S pm. Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-

trincess Alice Duchess of Gion-cester attends reception given by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Chelsea Old Town Hall,

The Duchess of Kent, as president, visits Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, 11.50. Milton rercentenary exhibition, British Museum, 10-5.

#### Church news

Appointments

The Rev H. J. Crowle, curate of St. Glirs's, Ealderton, diocese of Southwell, to be Vizar of St Aidan's, Bastord, same diocese.

The Rev J. A. Davies, Rector of Essendon and Woodhill, Hattield, diocese of St Albans, to be Rector of Little Berthamsied, same diocese.

The Rev C. Gale, curate of St John the Baptist, Bilborough, Nantingham, diocese of Southwell, as priest-incharge of St John the Baptist, Colwick, same diocese.

though 6: St John the Raphist, Colwick, same diocese

The Rev J. R. Horne, curate of Danbury, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar of Framplon, diocese of Lincoln. The Rev R. H. Harrison, Rector of Fen Ditton, Cambridge, and Rural Dean of Ouy, diocese of Ets, to be Vicar of West Wratling, same diocese.

The Rev I. Harland, Vicar of St Culthbert's, Fir Vale, Sheffleld, and Rural Dean of Ecclessield, diocese of Sheffleld, to be Vicar of All Saints', Rotherham, same diocese, Vicar of The Rev G. W. Janes, Vicar of The Rev G. Knight, chaplain of the Royal Naty College, Greenwich, diocese of Southwark, to be Rector of Linion with Hebden, diocese of Bradford, The Rev R. Pernell, Vicar of St. cess of Southwark. to be Rector of Linion with Hebden, diocese of Bradford.

The Ray R. Pernell, Vicar of St James the Great Clayton, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rector of St Mark's. Shelton sain diocese of St Mark's. Shelton sain diocese of St Mark's. Shelton sain diocese of Lincoln to be Rector of Harkation, same diocese. The Rey R. G. Slater. chaplain to Winchester prison. diocese of Winchester, to be priest-in-charge of Ampfield, same diocese. The Rey R. G. Slater. chaplain to Winchester, to be priest-in-charge of Ampfield, same diocese. The Rey T. Splisbury. Rector of Burlon Bradstock with Shipton Gorga and Chilcombe, diocese of Salisbury, to be also priest-in-charge of Long Bradstock with Shipton Gorga and Chilcombe, diocese of Salisbury, to be Anglican chaplain to the North London Polytechnic, diocese of London. The Rey M. O. West, Rector of Lydard Millicent with Lydard-Tregoz, diocese of Blackburn.

Diocese of Blackburn Canon J. M. W. Adem, honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral, to be a canon emeritus.

The Rev E. M. J. Cornish, Recture of Ribchestor, to be honorary canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

Diocese of Derby

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Tho Rev P. G. C. Beck. Vicar of St.
Mark's. Brampton, Chesterfield, to be priest-in charge of St. Michael and All.
Angels. Avascon.
He Rev. John Oldham, Vicar of Branchon, to be rector of the Buxton team ministry.
The Rev C. M. Roberts, Vicar of Casilicton, to be a team vicar in the Buxton team ministry with particular resonability for aducational work.
The Rev B. G. Middleton, curate of Manchester, to be a team vicar with particular responsibility for hospital work in the Buxton team ministry.
Wilfred's. Newton fleath wideness of Manchester, to be discessan adviser for social responsibility.

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The Rev H. Greenwood to be
assistant priest at St George's, Madrid.

The Rev D. J. Houghton, currile at
Prestbury, diocese of Gioncester, to
the Precentor at Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Gibraltar, and Port Missioner.

The Rev M. E. Loa, curate of
Emmanuel Church, Northwood, diocese
of London, to be chaptain at St
George's, Barcelone.

Canon J. K. Moody, chaptain at St
Philip and St James. Palms de

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To Dr D. K. Bowen from the Science Research Council. \$20.796 for research on dynamic experiments in X-ray topography (collaborative project with the University of Paris).

To Dr M. T. G. Hugher from the Science Research Council \$25.710 for research on dynamic analysis and control and automotive systems.

To Dr R. G. Rhodes from the Science Research Council. \$21.326 for research on the isvisation and propulsion of high speed vehicles using Superconductive magnets.

To Professor D. B. A. Epstein from the

magnets.
To Professor D. B. A. Epstein from the Science Research Council, £17,000 for research on foliations symposium.
To. Dr B. T. Colding from the Science Research Council, £16,155 for research council, £16,155 for research maspects of the matsbolism of methyl

#### **OBITUARY** £15,000 paid

#### MR JOHN GORDON Hard-hitting and controversial Fleet Street editor

Saie Room Correspondent
Sotheby's vesterday sold a rare
Zurich porcelain figure of Summer
for £15,000: they had estimated a
mere £1,500-£2,000. The gap of the Sunday Express, died on Monday, the day after his 84th birthday.

He was recognized by many mere 11,500-22,000. The gap between estimate and outrum was not in this case a question of ignorance but rather one of geography. The value that Swiss ournalists as one of the great craftsmen of his day and a master in the art of producing collectors set on Zurich porce-lain was demonstrated last May when Setheby's sold the Schwara weekly newspaper. In that respect he was preeminent when Setheby's sold the Schwar-zenbach collection in Zurich; the among the innumerable Scots of his generation who made their top price for a figure (an auction record) on that occasion was way to Fleet Street. A wider public knew him as

victions and no one would deny

that he expressed them cogently

Yet it was not until the early part of the last war when he was

50 years old that John Gordon

became a columnist. His success

as a journalist was based on his skill as a sub-editor, in handling

and presenting, that is, what others had written. Only because

he had been let down by a regu-

lar contributor one Saturday in

1940 did he step into the breach and produce a column of com-ment on how the war was going.

It was humorously observed

at the time that he felt it was

not fair to leave the whole job of inspiring the nation to Churchill. He took up his pen

as if it were a claymore and swung it in all directions. His

style was direct and forceful with no frills. In fact, at times

it possessed an Old Testament

ferocity that made him sound

like a prophet. That column was an instant

success. Indeed, its impact on

readers of the Sunday Express

was comparable with the impact

on listeners to the radio when, about the same time, J. B.

Priestley took over the Sunday

night Postscript. In each in-stance a new, refreshing and

rigorous voice was heard in the

land. John Gordon, having thus discovered himself. relished his

role of commentator and when

the war was over pursued it in

peacetime under the banner of

"Current Affairs". It was a column you loved or hated

according to your tastes or

All this, of course, was

mere detail in his work as editor of the Sunday Express.

True, ir reflected something of

the character of the man: his

pleasure in hard work, his hat-

red of injustice and oppression,

and his doggedness as a bonnie fechter. The same

characteristics were discernible

John Rutherford Gordon was

born in Dundee on December 8,

1890, and after leaving school

there went straight to work as

an office boy in his home town.

In later life he could tell the

impatient lads of a new genera-

tion that he had started work

at 4s 6d a week, but he put it

Who's Who: "For seven years

went through an intensive train-

ing in all departments of news-

paper work in the offices of the

Dimdee Advertiser and its

weekly, the People's Journal."

There is still no better founda-

tion for a career in journalism.

firmly set on Fleet Street. But the 1914-18 War interrupted

his progress and for that period

he was on active service with the Army as a signaller of non-

It was an enriching experi-

commissioned rank.

His apprenticeship ended, the

in much sounder perspective in

in his work as an editor.

views.

and vigorously.

518,156. Sotheby's yesterday had set their a hard-hitting controversialist: estimates on the assumption that a London sale would not attract the writer of a weekly column that exposed the week's injustices, criticized incompetence and extravagance in high the main Swiss collectors, or prices comparable to those realized in Zurich. They were wrong. A figure of Summer in the Schwarplaces, and inveighed against anything that savoured to him zerbach collection, from the same mould, but slightly less deliciously painted, was sold for £4,888 in of moral laxity. He was admired as their

May.
The top price in the Schwarchampion by readers who felt themselves at the mercy of harsh authorities; he was despaired of as a puritanical bigot by those who felt that changed times warranted such reforms as, for example, the Wolfenden report proposed. But he had the courage of his con-

The top price in the Schwarzenbach sale was for an allegorical figure of Painting. Its pair, an allegorical figure of Sculpture, a very rare but less attractive figure, brought £8,500 (estimate £2,000:53.000) yesterday.

But nothing is predictable. The May sale saw a marvellous pair of figures of hunsman and huntswoman, allegorizing Autumn, at £11,872. Yesterday a huntsman made £1,830 (estimate £1,800:£2,500) while a huntswoman made £5,000 (estimate £2,000).

Apart from these pieces the sale held few surprises. Values generally came up to estimated levels, but there was the now familiar crop of unsold lots. museum or an empty building but as a house of God."

Even before the official inauguration of the appeal. £750,000 has been given, and Kent County Council is debating a recommendation to contribute £500,000. Lord Astor of Hever, seneschal of the cathedral and president of the appeal, said: "If we do nothing, what will our successors think of the twentieth century?"

By Geraldine Norman

but there was the now familiar crop of unsold lots.
Socheby's saic of Indian and primitive works of art included both the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum among the buyers. The British Museum spen: £2,600 estimate £2,600. estimate £2,000.53,000 on an Ekoi stone male figure and the Victoria and Albert £1,300 (estimate £1,000) on the property of the wo rare Tibetan artist's sketch

books.

The star items of the sale were unsold: a Fang male wood reliquary figure at \$2.800 (estimate \$5,000-\$7,000) and a tragmentary Benin broaze plaque at \$2,200 (estimate \$3,000-\$7,000). (estimate 53,000-54,000).

In a sale of oriental manuscripts and miniatures there were two oil

portraits on metal of the Qajar school, dating from about 1840. Both were of young girls, depicted half-length; one fetched £4,000, the other £3.500. Postcard record: In a Phillips Postard record: In a Philips anction of books a record price of 52,200 was paid for an album of 830 postcards, including many Boer War and political subjects. The album (estimate £1,000) was bought by the Postcard Collectors' Centre, Birmingham. There was keen commission for the postcard for th Birmingham. There was keen competition for many postcard lots in the sale. A group of 12 Art Nonveau postcards by Ralph Kircher averaged 510 each, four times their estimate. An English atlas of 1675 by John Ogilby went to Weinribb for \$1,300 (estimate 5750). The sale totalled \$15,261.

Mallores, to be chaplain at St Andrew's, Tangler.

Diocese of Gloucester The Rev N. Haddock Vicar of St Luke's. Cheltenham. the Rev D. R. Lyon. Vicar of St Mark's. Gloucoster, and the Rev E. H. Tucker. Vicar of Holy Trinty. Stroud, to be honorary canons of Gloucester Cathedral. pride in his Scottish blood, his inborn puritanical streak, his

Diocese of Ripor

The Rev M. Brown, Vicar of Franca Lyach. Stroud, diocese of Gioucester, to be priest-in-charge of Aysgarth. The Rev J. T. Roe, secretary of the Diocessan Board of Mission and Unity. to be also part-time domestic chapiain to the bishop. Diocese of Sodor and Man

Canon C. A. Cannan. Canon of St Garman's Cathedral, to be canon German's Cathedral, to be canon emeritus.

The Rev P. C. H. Maithews, Vicar of St George's. Douglas, and Rural Dean of Douglas, Isle of Man, to be a canon of St German's Cathedral. Diocese of Southwark

The Rev P. B. Challen, Rector of Christ Church, Southwark, and senior chaptain of the South London Industrial vission, to be honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral.

The Rev B. V. Jacob, Vicar of Mortlake, to be also Rural Dean of Richmond and Barnes.

The Rev R. V. King, Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Peckham, and Rural Dean of Camberwell, to be honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral.

The Rev G. Nairn-Briggs, curate of Saviour's, Raymes Park, to be Vicar of Christ the King, Salfords. Diocese of Southwell

The Rev D. A. Bowles, curate of St John the Baptist, Beeston, Nortingham, is to begin training for a tour of detty as Anglican chaplain on Ascension bland, discusse of St Hejenalin the Anglican Province of South Africa. Resignations and retirements

Resignations and reurements
The Rev M. W. Hickin. Rector of
Runwell, discess of Cheimsford, on
January 51.
Canon A. R. Johnston, Vicar of
Decham. discess of Cheimsford, on
June 30.
The Rev W. G. O'Connor, Vicar of
Holbock, Leeds, discess of Ripon, on
January 51. The Rev W. G. Holbock. Leeds. dicess of Ripon. was January J. B. Sturdy. Vicar of Geran with St Michael Caerhays. diocese of Thuro. on January S. The Rev B. Willworth-Harrison. Rector of Langham, diocese of Chelmsford. December 31.

The Oneen is to attend the world charity premiere of the film The island at the Top of the World on December 16 at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, in aid of the London Taxidrivers' Fund for Underprivileged Children. Princess Alice Duchess of Glou-

cester will be present at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, on

#### Latest wills

of Worthing, left £18,762 (not to the Methodist Ministers Housing Society, and the residue to the Methodist Ministers Retirement for Jersey.

Mr D. F. Roberts as private Society secretary to Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisherles and Food. Fund. of cellular binding sites for polynecieo-tides during interferon induction. Pro-fessor R. Whittenbury and Dr. H. Dalton, from Science Research Council, 224,892 for research on a study of methane oxidation, nifrogen fibration, and considering in methylobacteria.

Other estate include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):
Wood, Sir Frank, of Bickley, Kent, Secretary, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, intestate (no duty shown) ... £28,974
Schilling, Mr Edmund, of Edgware,
(no duty show) ... £144,308

Mr John Gordon, editor-in- him that much better to appr chief and for many years editor clate in later years the mi of the Sunday Express, died on and the problems of the ord. ary serviceman. He returned journalism after the war, fi: in the London office of t, Glasgow Rerald and then on t

London Evening News.

He rapidly became thoroughly proficient sub-edit a post which orten keeps t young journalist close to paper's sources of power. 1922 he had become chief si editor of the Evening News a undoubtedly it was the death Northcliffe that year which him, in 1924, to accept a simi post on the Daily Express und the rising star of Beaverbro His ability and enthusia: allied with a passion for hi work, quickly endeared him Beaverbrook.

In 1928 Beaverbrook appo ted him editor of the Sime Express, a post he held join for the next two years w lames Douglas, who had be in the chair since 1920. It s curious partnership, Dong being mainly a writing man w some reputation as a liter critic and, when he scen-scandal, an impassioned t that inspired disrespectful ( leagues of those far off days dub him "Fleet Street's

Gordon, by contrast, was masterly technician who coquickly gauge the news va of any story, strike a bala between half a dozen of th and see that they were pror tionately well displayed, th give a critical glance at featu and ensure that they, too, w strikingly set out; and when wrote it was briefly and to point, sometimes angrily always publily.

Gordon was ever insist that news, first and forem made and sold a newspar Comment and entertainment, used to say, were necess-additions, so that by mixing light and shade there was a u and satisfactory reflection life.

The Sunday Express to deliberately picked the mid-class bome as its market a Gordon's avowed aim was to g that market a paper that y always vigorous, alert and cle In 1928 its circulation was ab-560,000; when Gordon died was more than 4,000,000 a had long since absorbed chief rival, the Sunday Dispat His share in bringing abother success was undoubter great, and across the years was generously rewarded Lord Beaverbrook becoming director of Beaverbrook Ne papers Ltd. Their early as ciation had ripened into wa and intimate friendship a

became a member of Beaverbrook Trust. They had much in commo above all, a sturdy individu ism. Gordon, in particulated the idea of be "shoved around" and the more than anything else, at the root of his freque weekly attacks on all sorts officials and authorities of h

when Beaverbrook died Gord

degree and low. He enjoyed his success in l and its material rewards ne deflected him from the pl living and high thinking the were part of his Scornish bringing. He encouraged 1 adventurous spirt in you journalists who, for their parcould see it so well exemplifi in the veteran.

It is pleasant to reflect th when Winston Churchill di and John Gordon strung gether a few personal memor about the great man in I weekly column, he recall with happiest pride the frience talks they used to have in Di dee during the 1910 electi when one was the Liber candidate and the other junior reporter covering t campaign.

Gordon's first wife, Evely whom he married in 1915, di in 1966. In 1972 he married widow, Mrs Margaret Blunde It was an enriching experi- Ince, a former person ence in so far as it enabled assistant to Lord Beaverbroo

strong interest in Strindber

#### MISS ELIZABETH SPRIGGE

Miss Elizabeth Sprigge died in London on Monday at the age of 74. As novelist, biographer, translator and lec-turer at least 40 years of her life was bound up with literary production. She was for many years a friend of Ivy Compton-Burnett and in 1973 published a life of the povelist.

Born on June 19, 1900, she was the elder daughter of Sir Squire Sprigge, sometime editor of the Lancet; a sister of Cecil Sprigge, who had a distinguished career with the Manchester Guardian, the Economist and Reuters; and a sister-in-law of Sylvia Sprigge, Cecil Sprigge's second wife, herself Manchester Guardian correspondent in Italy after the Second World War. Elizabeth Miriam Squire

Sprigge was educated at St Paul's Girls' School, Havergal College, Toronto, and Bedford College, London. She lived in Sweden in the early 1920s, acquired a close knowledge of the language and developed a

whose plays she was later translate into English and whom she published a bi graphy (The Strange Life ( August Strindberg, 1949). She published her first nove A Shadowy Third, in 1929 ar this was followed by Fair Amorist; The Old Man Dies Castlein Andalusia; The Sc. of the House and The Raven Wing. She also wrote som children's novels, among ther Children Alone; Pony Tracks and Two Lost on Dartmoor. Sh was at the Ministry of Inform tion from 1941 to 1944 as Swedish specialist and from 1949 to 1952 was Director of the Watergate Theatre. After the Second World War she pro duced biographies of Gertrud Stein and Dame Sybil Thora dike and with Jean-Jacque Kihm wrote Jean Cocteau The Man and the Mirror.
She married in 1921 Mar Napier. There were tw daughters of the marriag which was dissolved in 1946.

#### MR JAMES WARDROP

Mr James Collett Wardrop, CBE, who died recently in Shaftesbury, had a long and and in 1945 was appointed Firs unusually varied career in the Foreign Service.

Born in 1913 and educated at Bradfield and Oxford, he entered the Levant Consular Service in 1935. In 1939, after training in Beirut and service

he spent three years in Beiru Secretary in Oslo, a congenia post for one bilingual i Norwegian. In the next fer years he served in the Britisl **Information** Services in Nev York, headed the British delega tion in Geneva, and served with the Atomic Energy Commission in Vienna, these posts being interspersed with service in the Foreign Office.

Released on exchange in 194

appointed Chief Passport Officer, from which post he retired in 1967. Protection of Hermitian States

#### Science report

#### Paraquat: Treatment for a lethal dose a tablespoonful, and although large

The weedkiller paraquat is a paricularly unpleasant poison, which as been responsible for well over hundred deaths in recent years. Accidental death occurs in farming communities and paraquat has also seen used for suicide and mur-

Concentrated paraquat may be concentrated paraduat may be cold only by a registered merchant or pharmacist and only to persons concerned with agriculture or unfortunately. norticulture.

workers on smallholdings and farms often take supplies home in beer or lemonade borries, and cores of accidents have occurred when a child has drunk paraquations, such a container. when a child has crunk paraquat from such a container.

The danger lies in the toxicity and the lack of an effective treat-ment. The fatal dose is as little as

doses kill quickly, with smaller quantities death from progressive damage to the lungs may be delayed for days or even weeks. The delay between ingestion and the first signs of lung damage has encouraged doctors to try a variety of treatment. Attempts have been made to remove paraquat from the body by dialysis on an artificial

kidney. In one case lung transplantation was carried out late in the progress of the illness, but the transplanted lung was itself affected by the paraquat still in the body.

Research at the ICI laboratories in Cheshire has led to a treatment that may prove effective, although so far it has been assessed only in rats. With rats as with man the lungs are the organs most severely affected.

The research showed that absorp-tion of paraquat could be much re-duced if the rats were given a mixture of fuller's earth and bentonite
—both natural forms of aluminium
silicate. Those substances bind the paraquat and prevent its absorption from the intestines.

When ten rats, after being given

a lethal dose of paraquat, were treated four hours later with the mixture, there were no deaths; when treatment was delayed ten hours, eight of the ten treated rats survived.
By our Medical Correspondent
SOURCE: British Medical Journal.

(Dec, 7, p. 569).

University news Oxford Appointment: CHRIST CHURCH: Dr W. H. Parker, university lecture in the sengraphy of the Soviet Union, has been elected to an official studentable.

Newcastle NewCasue
Appointments:
Dr F. J. McQuillin, reader in organic
chemistry, to a personal professorship
in organic chemistry. Dr G. A. Swan,
personal reader, to a personal professorship in organic chemistry: A. M.
Witton, LLB (Newcasile), as lecture in
law: Professor J. G. Walton, dean of
medicine, as G. Mitton Shy Visiting
Professor of Neurology of Pennsylvania
University.

York or appointed chairman of council on the resignation of Dr Coggan, and Mr Victor Clark vice-chairman.

Other appointment:

R. Gardier, MA (Cantab), to be director of a new unit of continuing oducation for the construction industry.

Warwick

Economics: Professor F. C. Pyart, from Ministry of Overseas Development, C15,277 for contents accounting and planning with particular reference to employment and income distribution (developing countries). ioping countries!

Engineering: Dr D. K. Bowen, from SRC. E10.796 for research on dynamic experiments in X-my topography. Collaborative project with the University of Paris (Professor J. Friedel, Laboratoire de Physique dos Solides, Facultó des Sciences, Orsay: Dr M. T. G. Hughes, from SRC, supplement of 250,710 to grant of E8,375 for research on dynamic analysis and countrol and automotive systems. Dr R. G. Rhodes, from SRC, E21,326 for research on the levitation and propulsion of high speed whices using superconductive magnets. conductive magnets.

Mathematics: Professor D, B. A.
Epstein. from SRC. 217,000 for research on foliations symposium.

Malecular sciences: Dr B. T. Golding.
from SRC. supplement of £15,153 to
grant of £2,565 for research on aspects
of the metaholism of methyl groups.
Dr D. E. Grillins, from SRC. £14,866
for research on enymotogy of the
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Physics: Professor A. J. Forty.

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To Professor D. C. Burke from the

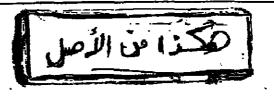
groups.
To Dr D. E. Griffiths from the Science Research Council, £14,855 for research on enzymology of the arpase complex from year mitochondria.
To Professor A. J. Forty from the Science Research Council, £29,805 for research on surface physics.

in Barcelona and Vienna, he was posted to Breslau, mainly to observe German military preparations, and was re- From 1961 he spend patriated when war broke out, hard years as Consul-Genera 1040 he was posted to at Loanda during which he was there the German invasion of Norway and interned in a camp where he met his future wife.



#### THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

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#### MELLERSH SHARDING

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# ew tax relief for pension nds aimed at giving lost to building societies

moves to secure longinstitutional funds for societies provided the ement of surprise in the Bill, published yester-

proposal is that exempt funds, which do not pay their investment income. able to invest their with building societies daim basic rate tax as with conventional stock investments.

change was welcomed my by the Building S Association; but Mr Griggs. secretarythe association. out that it was unlikely ision fund monies would

flowing into building simmediately, change of investment or pension funds means ey will be able to put money into building s on the same basis as current rate of interest class of funds is 6.75

#### idelines transfer capital

oulk of the Finance Bill ed to the detailed proand administration of capital transfer tax. It follows the guidelines ublished in August and

ugh the capital transfer been deemed operative e March Budget, estate sich it replaces will no apply for deaths occur-ter the Finance Bill law. The present nal arrangements con-

ıtil then. ver, in respect of gifts refore Murch 26, the inter-vivos" rules will ed over to some extent. w capital transfer rates g arrangements for gifts ome years before death

fundamental from a "voluntary" tax th to a lifetime tax on One of the biggest s involved relates to tural land which a privileged position the old estate duty

Finance Bill confirms dief in future will be to full-time working only, subject to an limit of land of 1,000 r worth £250,000, whichmore favourable. As a he value of such formansferred either in life eath may be reduced to s its gross rental value. ier major switch conlifts between husbands es which will be totally

under the new arrangeother main exemptions usfers of £1,000 in any ur, and wedding gifts of 2,500 for a lineal ancesparitable donations will y be exempt up to and the existing estate exemption for works of ing to recognized gal-vill continue.

#### uity 'bonuses ped by **Trance** group

thony Rowley ish Equitable Life Assurociety is to cease paying al or "equity" bonuses olicy claims arising after of 1974. It is understood the first society to cease at of such bonuses, others have reduced

decision has been taken e of the continuing fall ity share values on The Exchange, Scottish Equitecalled vesterday that in t, when the FT Index had to 220, it announced that per cent terminal bonus ims arising from October ld be payable only for years that with-profits a had been in force prior

FT Index has now fallen und 160; and to reduce anking years in conseto those prior to 1954 in any case exclude most rofits policies, says Scot-quitable.

minal bonuses are quite tte from the periodic rsionary" bonuses which tid on with profits policies cannot subsequently be rawn or reduced once ed. The former were ht in to compensate outpolicyholders for the rela-cautious level of revery policies paid by many ince companies even when market levels were high. ile reversionary bonuses ormally paid out of the end income companies on their investments. nal bonuses are usually out of capital appreciation ese investments. They have enerally been large in re-

to the total value of a

only 10.07 per cent—well below the gross rate which pension funds can now obtain from other forms of deposits.

Under existing arrangements for pension funds they invest in building societies and obtain the same rate of interest as the personal investor, currently 7.5 per cent, tax paid. The societies pay tax at the composite rate of 26.25 per cent, which is not

reclaimable by the investor. Building societies have been agitating to secure a more advantageous treatment for pension funds since the proposal by the previous Conservative government for a fully funded state reserve pension scheme. The societies hoped to pick up some of the estimated £500m that that pension fund would

have been investing. But, however attractive the idea of major institutional funds may appear to the societies, safeguards will have to be built into the system. It is almost certain that the societies will be willing to accept pension qualifying policy.

Without the security of know-

ing for how long the funds would remain with them, the influx of pension fund "hot money" could create additional problems for the societies rather than helping them.

England today

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**Borrowing** 

may be less

than feared

Corporate borrowing pres-sures are continuing to build

up, but with no real signs of the long expected liquidity squeeze

yet becoming apparent.
Statistics released yesterday
by the London clearing banks

covering the five weeks to Nov-ember 20 show a drop in ster-ling loans to United Kingdom residents of £118m to £14,878m,

but the fall was less than would normally have been expected on

seasonal grounds, pointing to a

continuation of the fundamen-

tal upturn seen in October.

Heavy engineering and ship-building were prominent bor-

Some bankers are now begin-

ning to question the assumption they were making earlier about the expected scale of short-term

industrial borrowing demands in

1975. The real squeeze has been

expected to arise in the New

Year when companies have to

· But the severity with which economic recession is seen to

be gathering momentum, com-bined with signs that investment programmes are being post-poned or dropped, is suggesting

to some that borrowing pres-sures may not be as heavy as

bearing eligible liabilities to

take in new deposits and hence increase their lending.

have expanded by only 9.1 per cent against a permitted ceiling of 15.5 per cent. During November the ceiling was raised

by 11 per cent but the increase of the London clearers was only

The necessity to raise interest bearing deposits has to some extent been eased during the

past two months by the con-siderable growth in current

account deposits. These accounted for the bulk of the

So far this year their IBELs

meet their tax bills.

originally feared.

0.6 per cent.

rowing sectors.

By Christopher Wilkins

pressures

1973

Assurance policies: The finer clarification of qualifying assur-ance policies, that is those where the policyholder is entitled to tax relief of 16.5 per cent on the premiums payable, promised in the spring Budget, is much in line with the changes then outlined

Where an early surrender of a policy is taken, the Inland Revenue will be able to reclaim some of the tax relief. The "clawback" will be paid over by the life offices and deducted from the policy proceeds.

One significant variation from the March details is that all policies will have to be certified by the Revenue after the Appointed Day (6 April, 1975) in order to be classed as a

#### Stock appreciation rule may aid speculators

By John Plender Financial Correspondent

Proposals for tax relief against stock appreciation, one of the-key concessions to in-dustry and commerce in the view of generous drafting in the Finance Bill, published yes-

In its present form the Bill defines trading stock so widely that the relief would be available for companies which have heen carrying on a purely speculative trade in certain

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue confirmed yesterday that a stock of gold sovereigns or Krugerrands could qualify

for relief. Trade in Krugerrands, a gold coin minted by the South Afri-dan Government, has expanded rapidly in the last two years. It is widely regarded as a blatant form of exchange control avoidance, but the Treasury has so far been prepared to tolerate

The spokesman also confirmed that property dealing companies, at the least economically productive and most politically controversial end of the property industry, could be eligible for relief.

Since the Bill's provisions are retrospective and apply to accounting periods ended during the 12 months to March 31. 1974, it is possible that some property dealers would see a delayed benefit from the spec-tacular property boom long after it collapsed.

Ironically, the greatest benefit would go to the most suc-cessful dealers who sold most of their stock before the mar-

ket plange It would be surprising if furfollows the guidelines recent Budget, could lead to ther restrictions are not intro-nite original White mild political embarrassment duced at the committee stage sublished in August and for the Labour Government in so as to remove the advantage for speculators. But the draftsmen could well have difficulty in drawing the line belegitimate trade and

speculation. The distinction could prove particularly difficult in com-modities or base metals, where many legitimate traders have been badly bit by the rising cost of replacing their stock. Housebuilding, too, is potentially

confusing. Relief against stock appreciation would be a considerable benefit to companies whose land bank rose in value in the balance sheet as a result of the inflation in the price of building land. As the Bill stands, however, a company which speculated in land without undertaking building work would derive as much

benefit as the genuine builder. The Bill's definition of trading stock is based on the meaning given in section 137 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, with certain specific

exceptions.

These include securities, such as stocks and shares; stocks which would be treated as workin-progress if the trade concerned were a profession; and the stock of a company carrying on a trade in partnership with an individual who has an

#### Pay disputes BANK FIGURES The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve asset ratios of United Kingdom banks released by the Bank of threaten to close Tyne shipyards By Ronald Kershaw 3.02 32.9

Swan Hunter Shipbuilders, with about 50 ships on order worth nearly £400m, are drawing nearer the time when some of their Tyneside shipyards may have to close owing to pay dis-putes. Nearly 4,000 men have been laid off as a result of a walk out by 600 electricians, which leaves fewer than 6,000 men at work at the five yards. A company spokesman said last night "The longer the dispute goes on the more danger there is of having to close

The electricians who, claim they are locked out, walked off the job when their claim for a basic rate of £50 a week was rejected by the management. The men seek parity with electricians in the nationalized Court Builders Shipyard on the Weir, 12 miles away.

Swan Hunter rates are between £42 and £44 basic. In support of their claim, the men banned overtime which dis-

organized production. They were asked to return to normal working to allow discussions to continue or be removed from the payroll. At this point the men stopped work, claiming

The company has made an offer of a basic rate of £46 weekly, rising by fortnightly increases of 15p to £50 at the end of next year. This has been rejected.

Other trades in the shipyards have employed work restrictions and the fear of the company is that once a settlement is achieved with the electricians every other trade will immedi-

ately demand parity.

The Swan Hunter Group to which Swan Hunter Shipbuilders belongs, last night published output figures for 1974 which showed that the group had launched 13 ships of a gross tonnage totalling 372,583 tons. some 2,000 tons up on last year. Courtaulds factories: Trade union leaders are to meet Lord Kearton, the chairman of Courtaulds tomorrow to discuss the future of the firm's three factories in North Wales, where The clearing banks still retain substantial leeway within the confines of the "corset" control on the intake of interest

5,000 are unemployed.

A spokesman for the Transport & General Workers' Union said yesterday: "There is increasing concern about the future because more and more applicable of the complete sea being laid off or employees are being laid off or are put on short time working."

#### Finance ministers and bankers to meet Brussels, Dec 10.-Finance

ministers and central bank governors of West Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and Denmark will

meet on Sunday in Frankfurt

to discuss the future of the Authi because of BLMC's urgent the so-called snake, monetary officials reported today.—AP-The note published today was drawn up by legally elected representatives of the Authi engine and spare parts plant in Santander. It was distributed to Spanish news media.

#### Mr Wilson urged to convene talks on car industry crisis

By R. W. Shakespeare

Mr Harold Wilson is being urged to convene a special conference of Government, employer and shop floor representatives to discuss the mounting crisis in Britain's motor industry and, in particular, the trouble at British Leyland.

Meanwhile, union representa-tives at the Chrysler car plants have expressed fears that the redundancies announced by the American-owned company may be the foreguaner of a complete rundown of its United Kingdom

The renuest for intervention by Mr Wilson has come from Mr Maurice Edelman, Labour MP for Coventry, North West, in the heart of the Midlands car production centre. He has tabled a Commons question calling on the Prime Minister personally to address the special

conference, and he also advocates a "management shakeout" at British Leyland. Lord Stokes, the British Leyland chairman, yesterday issued a special appeal to workers for "some give and take" in future negotiations to help the com-

In talks between British Ley-land management representatives and union officials at the giant Austin-Morris plant at Longbridge, Birmingham, Longbridge, Birmingham, yesterday, details of some of the corporation's present financial problems were spelled

The shop floor men were told that this year the Longbridge plant alone will have to spend an additional £60m in order to achieve the same output as a year ago. This included a f13m increase in wages and salaries, a £40m increase in the cost of raw materials, a £2m increase in charges for power

publicly appealed to Senor Carlos Arias Navarro, the Premier, to authorize General

The workers' plea to Senor

Arias followed an urgent meet-

ing here last Saturday between Mr John Barber, British Ley-land's managing director, and Senor Alfredo Santos Blanco,

There was no official report

on what they talked about, but

it is believed that Mr Barber urged the Spanish minister to

speed up a government decision about GM's £27.5m bid to buy

employees at the company's

the Minister of Industry.

need for cash.

Motors to buy Authi

rates.

The management spokesman made it clear that British Leyland could not recoup all of this increase through increased prices. Much of it must come from higher production and areater efficiency.
At Chrysler representatives of

seven unions whose members are likely to be affected by the cutbacks among white collar workers that have just been announced have demanded top level discussions about the company's long-term policies and operations.

Chrysler has said that 700 workers, mainly staff employees, will lose their jobs by February and that some 400 of these will be in the Midlands, In the statement yesterday, the union representatives claimed that the redundancies included a "deci-mation of the shop floor experimental workers at Chrysler Whitley plant in Coventry. We do not accept the redundancy will solve the company's solve the company

roblems."
The statement said that the the statement said that the unions understood that Chrysler's capital plans for European operations in 1975 included £50m in France, £34m in Spain and only £9m in the United Kingdom. "It is our belief that these moves show a long-term situation that extends beyond those currently threat-ened with the sack, and poses a threat to the job prospects of all employees. Public accounta-

bility of multinational corpora-tions is a demand which must be made by all workers."

Last night a Chrysler manage-ment spokesman claimed that the union statement was "mis-leading and inaccurate" and an over-reaction to the company's redundancy plans, which were "designed to keep the British

manufacturers would buy out British Leyland's Spanish inter-ests, "would not be satisfac-tory".

According to the workers' representatives, Authi's situation is "critical" and could

lead to lay-offs in the near

future or even to the closing of

British Leyland's factories in

Referring to months of gov-ernment silence on the General

Motors proposal, the note said,

"the critical situation . . . is fundamentally due to the

General Motors to a consortium

Renault, Citroen and Seat-because General Motors had

offered to guarantee their jobs

and promised to invest enough

to create another 4.000 jobs

initially, with more jobs to be

They said they preferred

which would include Fasa-

administration's delay."

Authi workers favour

The note said that the created in the second phase.

Leyland sale to GM

#### Recession, not inflation. is now top

US problem
From Frank Vogl
Washington, Dec 10.—President
Ford's Administration is moving. into high gear with reflationary measures. Top Administration officials admit that they failed to anticipate the speed with which the recession was deepenng and unemployment rising.

The Administration is accepting that there will be a large budget deficit for the current year that ends next June 30. Mr William Simon, Secretary of the Treasury, said in a television interview that the President now accepted the need for a larger public works programme than the one he proposed last month. Administration officials admit that the stress in policy planning

is moving to treating recession rather then inflation as "sublic enemy number one ". It must be noted, however, that the Administration still

shows no signs of moving to. anything like the reflationary policies that Democrats in the Congress and many economists are demanding.

President Ford is determined to reduce the budget by some \$4,600m (£1,900m) and to get the Congress to raise taxes to finance any additional federal spending.

Mr Simon noted that the. Administration was working with the Congress to "put into place a public service employment programme that deals with the economy and with the unemployment the way it exists today and not the way it was forecast".

This statement indicates the abandooment of President Ford's plan for a large public works programme to come into being only after three consecutive months of more than 6.5 per cent unemployment.

Mr Simon said the trigger system for this programme was being dropped and that the Administration was authorizing \$2,000m for immediate use in

public works programmes.

Democrats in Congress have introduced a bill that would involve spending immediately some \$4,000m on public service Workers at one of the two plants of British Leyland's Spanish subsidiary Authi today publicly appealed to Sana

Meanwhile, experts on Wall Street noted today that there was clear evidence that the

Federal Reserve was increasingly concerned about the develoning recession. The discount rate cut was smaller than usual, but suggested a transition in the focus of

Fed policies from concern with inflation to recession, remarked cut from 8 per cent to 71 per The Chase Manhattan Bank

today cut its prime lending rate to 104 per cent from 101 per cent and many other banks around the nation are now moving towards the 10 per cent level set a couple of weeks ago by the First National City Bank. There are also indications

that the Administration, in conjunction with the Fed, will move to ease interest rates on home and car purchasing to stimulate these two particularly depressed

#### Shares index drops to 16-year low

Pressure on the pound, the wage claim by the Scottish miners, and growing unease shead of tomorrow's disclosure of the monthly trade figures for the United Kingdom all helped to depress the London stock

market yesterday. Yields on gilt-edged stocks rose to new peaks—a record 17.37 per cent in the case of War Loan. The share market

War Loan. The share market fell to a fresh 16-year low point, with the FT index 4.4 off at 157.1, below the 160 level for the first time since 1958.

Oil shares had another difficult session with the fall in sterling triggering off selling by nervous investors. But oils, together with other major stocks, looked steadier in late dealings looked steadier in late dealings after Wall Street had opened firm. Motor and engineering issues turned down in response to the fuel economy measures. BLMC fell back to their pre-vious all-time low point of 63p.

#### American survey favours return to gold standard From Our US Economics

Washington. Dec 10.—A public opinion survey shows that almost 90 per cent of Americans believe that the United States should return to the gold standard, while more than 25 per cent said that they will buy gold bullion when the ban on private ownership is removed here on

December 31. A survey of 1,300 people, conducted by the International Moneyline business newsletter, showed that 87.8 per cent of those questioned believe that nations should return to a monetary system based on gold. About half of those surveyed who the newsletter claimed, were people in the middle-

income range, said they already held gold stocks or gold coins, while 27.4 per cent said they would buy bullion when it becomes legal.

Some 77.7 per cent of those surveyed did not believe the Treasury should sell gold from Wall Street official stocks without express Approval from Congress

#### an individual who has an £280m increase in sterling interest in the partnership stock. Financial Editor, page 21 residents in November. Miss Penny Brahms selling control of Land & General to property dealer

By Peter Wainwright Miss Penny Brahms, the former model now married to Mr "Dandy Kim" Caborn-Waterfield is now selling control of the property company Land & General Developments to Mr Peter Ronald Knapp-

to Mr Peter Ronald Knapp-Fisher, a property dealer.

Miss Brahms, who inherited
75 per cent of the votes from
her late husband, Mr Clive
Raphael, through private con-cern Napet Securities has
already sold 271,000 of L & C
voting shares (out of 542,000 in
issue) to Mr Knapp-Fisher. But
negotiations for the transfer of
control and other matters have control and other matters have not been completed. The Take-Over Panel is due to meet Miss Brahms late this

by her late husband. Unless Miss Brahms can show that the latest deal means a radically new departure, the Panel may proceed against her with sanctions

Meanwhile, Mr Jim Rowland-Jones, the shareholder who is leading the opposition to Miss Brahms has served a notice on L & G calling for a special share-holders' meeting. He now has the 10 per cent of the votes needed to request such a meet-ing, at which he will demand boardroom changes and enfran-

chisement. The dispute over L & G really began last month when Miss Brahms used her 75 per cent control to oust five non-Napet directors despite strenuous opposition from Mr Rowland Jones. Since then, there has been a £1m bid from Somerston Shipping, a Bermudian group,

the voteless shares as promised and Channel International Trust f Jersey. Earlier this

inspectors were appointed by the Department of Trade to investigate L & G's affairs under the provisions of sections 164 and 172 of the Companies Act,

Since then Miss Brahms has been sued in the High Court for £46,000 by Williams & Glyn's Bank. It claims £38,868 as an overdraft on Miss Brahms's account, and another £7,524 under a guarantee alleged to have been given by her last May on a banking account of Napet

Securities.

The Panel will undoubtedly be hoping that Mr Knapp-Fisher can solve its problems by proceeding to enfranchise L & G's non-voing shares. At present Napet has 75 per cent of the voting shares and only 11 per cent of the room poters. cent of the non voters.

#### afternoon to continue the meeting adjourned on November 21. She was then asked to explain why she had not enfranchised How the markets moved

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#### Inflation at 17 pc next year: Mrs Williams

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 10

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, forecast in Washington today that it was quite possible Britain would have an inflation rate of around 17 per cent through 1975.

She said at a press confereesce: "I do not expect much inflation improvement in the year ahead. I think things will begin to fall towards the end of form of rapidly rising house next year '

Mrs Williams, who is here to discuss inflation and energy matters with United States Congressmen and Administration officials, said she could not share the opinion that appeared to be held by senior Adminis-tration officials that there would be a general upswing in economic activity by next summer. She expected such an upswing investment

really to get under way in 1976-On energy the Minister said that there were a host of mea-

sures Britain could still take hefore having to ration petrol. The Government could increase speed restrictions and regulation of street and advertising light-

It could also switch more power stations to coal and raise house insulation standards. Mrs Williams expressed disappointment at the lack of action so far by the United He believed that if these States in reducing energy con-

She said this feeling was widespread throughout the European Community and that the United group has recently commissioned States must show leadership a new hydrochloric acid picklinere. It had done less than any ing plant at Ebbw Vale, and also

one else. Mrs Williams said she was bopeful that there would be some easing in price rises for year development strategy. commodities

Britain, but she saw little relief reviewing the plant closure for commodity prices. She felt the Americans were too optimistic in expecting a weakening in commodity prices,

Mrs Williams repeated that have to be some loss of jobs, she would resign from the Govcriment if a referendum one concerned was anxious that decided against British member | the sooner a decision was taken the better for all concerned.

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Bank statements for November

up to November 20 are summarized in the table below.

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Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man made

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#### **Building chief wants Government** to guarantee 100 pc mortgages

By Malcolm Brown A leading builder said yester-day that the Government should guarantee 100 per cent mort- comes today commonly amount gages as an emergency measure to £80 a week, which is clearly to restore confidence among

house purchasers.

president of the House now on the market at prices in Builders Federation, said at its the region of £9,000. annual meeting that if something was not done soon to increase production to a reasonable volume the private house buyer would face a crisis next year and the year after in the

A mortgage guarantee by the limited to the first-time buyer

**Ebbw Vale** 

'threatened'

Investment of nearly 59.5m in

new plant at the Ebbw Vale works of the British Steel Cor-poration could be seriously

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By Peter Hill

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above the average regional price. He continued: "Joint in-

sufficient to support a 100 per cent mortgage on one of the Mr Dick Sinfield, outgoing many thousands of new houses

"Sales to people in this category could give a substantial fillup to the market, and ensure the avoidance of a situation where too much money was chasing too few houses."

Mr Sinfield's plea came as the Government need not cost Department of the Environment

than 50 per cent on a year ago Private housing was the single worsta affected sector

Expressed at constant seasonally adjusted prices, total new building orders for the third quarter of 1974 were 19 per cent up on the second quarter but 21 per cent down on the third quarter of 1973.

Private housing orders were down 2 per cent on the second quarter total and 51 per cent the control which the Govern- on an annual comparison. By ment could exercise would contrast, council housing was relatively buoyant, being up 14 per cent on the second quarter this year and 11 per cent on the third quarter of 1973.

Public works new orders were much, he said. It could be published figures showing that 37 per cent above the second private housing orders in the quarter but 14 per cent down on on properties at a figure not third quarter were down more the comparable period last year.

# NCB chance to plan'

Such was the urgency of the duction. energy situation that the response of trade and industry to the Government's initiative to be wasted. But we certainly

achieved simply by good housekeeping in factories and offices. Sir Derek said the Government's new energy policy decisions gave the Coal Board a chance to plan for the future with more confidence than at pany time during the past 17

There had been two recent announcements both characterizing the trust the Government placed in the management of the coal industry. He said the Government's

most recent decision related to prices. The Chancellor had said that nationalized industry prices were more closely to reflect the true unsubsidized costs of pro-

"Naturally we welcome this", he continued. "All forms of energy are much too valuable

of our exploiting our present competitive edge over oil to the disadvantage of our customers "We know that we may never have such a good opportunity again. Oil prices have risen mainly for political reasons. They could just as easily and

swiftly be reduced again.
The board's motive in aiming for cost effectiveness was not just the negative one or fear what a main competitor might do. Sir Derek said: "We have the positive desire to help the country as much as possible in its present difficulties. Every extra million tons of coal we can produce can save the country about 522 millions on

#### Australia may ban takeovers

New controls on foreign takeovers are being imposed by the Australian government. Mr Frank Crean,

Treasurer has announced that legislation has been prepared to provide a veto on any foreign takeover of an Australian busi-

The legislation would be introduced in Parliament early in 1975 but, by administration, would apply immediately. It will enable the government to examine any purchase of 15 per cent or more by any single foreign group of any Australian

#### French first-half deficit £1,570m

Paris. Dec 10.-France's firsthalf 1974 current account balance of payments deficit was 17,260m francs (about £1,570m) compared with a revised deficit of 3.002m francs for all of 1973, the Finance Ministry said.

The figures show an overall slight surplus for France's external payments position in January-June period of 1.148m francs compared with 1,046m for all of 1973. The ministry added that the

rurrent account deficit had been largely financed by an inflow of 6,923m francs (out-5.079m)

# Energy policy 'gives

respardized if the Government; in energy saving should go a do not intend to relax our decided to retain from and steel-making at the South Wales plant. Mr Gordon Sambrook, director of the timplate group good deal further than had been efforts to produce coal as asked. Sir Derek Evra, chairman economically as possible.

"There will be no question at York yesterday. A minimum of 10 per cent saving could be

years.

#### **American** car makers oppose new fuel laws

From Our US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Dec 10 President Ford will meet top executives of the United States car industry on Thursday to discuss inflation, recession and particular problems of the car industry, the White House an-

nounced today. A probable key subject at the meeting will concern pending legislation to force the carmakers to manufacture vehicles more economical in fuel and more environmentally accept-

Leaders of the industry told the Senate's commerce commit-tee today that the legislation was both unnecessary and possibly counter-productive.

Mr Alan Loofbourrow, a vicepresident for engineering at the Chrysler Corporation, said the company could introduce a "lean burn" engine next autumn if 1976 emission stan-dards were frozen at 1975 levels.

He said this engine would improve fuel economy. It would run on any leaded or unleaded petrol and would not require a catalytic converter.

Mr Loofbourrow stressed that Chrysler hoped to introduce in irs 1976 models an electronic spark-timing control which will make possible a new noncatalyst emission control system".

The new system, he said, adjusted spark-timing for numer-ous variables, including temperature, throttle position and engine speed with the effect that the engine could burn a mixture of 18 to 20 parts of air to one of fuel, against present ratios of 15 to one.

#### Change in accounting practice

By Our Financial Staff

In its third exposure drait International Accounting Standards Committee requires the publication of a single ser of consolidated accounts by a company having subsidiaries, and prescribes the "line by line" method of consolidation.

method of consolidation. This conflicts with the current practice of some United Kingdom groups with widely diverse interests, who publish separate consolidations.

The exposure draft does, however, also require that the name, nature of business and proportion of the voting power held should be disclosed in respect of each subsidiary and associated company whose total assets and total revenue, after elimination of intercompany items, are material to the total assets and total revenue of the consolidated

Subsidiaries are to be excluded from consolidation only if or subsidiary operates in a blocked currency area: and in this case the reason is to be stated.

The provisions of this Inter-Accounting Standard are to become operative for statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 1976.

#### Japan doubles iron and steel sales to Britain Japanese iron and steel pro-

ducers increased their sales to Britain to nearly 540m in the first nine months of this year, more than double the same period last year.

This huge surge from Japan forms only part of the import increase which has taken place this year against the background of the effects of the three-day week at a time of buoyant

demand. The inability of the British Corporation to meet Steel Corporation to meer demand arising from shortages of coal and scrap, and the disruptive effects of unofficial disputes within the BSC, have provided foreign suppliers with an opportunity to gain a larger footbold in the United Kingdom

#### **Board keeping** heart in the Highlands By Ronald Faux

Signs that northern Scotland is not feeling the economic chill creeping across Britain were reflected in figures released yesterday by the Highlands and

Islands Development Board.

In the third quarter of this year the board offered £1,269,000 to help finance 116 tourism, fishing, agricultural, and light industry projects.

In the same period the Department of Industry selective assistance grants which tive assistance grants which have priority in the special development areas around west central Scotland offered £1.6m

on 37 projects.

The development board said: "These figures show a surpris ing level of activity in the Highlands when the region would normally be feeling the effects of the downward national

trend." Sir Andrew Gilchrist, chairman of the board, added that little of the new activity had been a spin-off from North Sea oil development. Oil continued to create pressure on housing and a better paid counter-attraction for workers in traditional indus-

"Many firms in the Moray Firth area have been struggling to avoid going under, but we are very reassured by the way they are managing to survive he said.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Engineers' concern at fixed Misleading... price public work contracts facts about From Mr B. J. White for the Government and yet is

state enterprise, and now costs

nearly 100 per cent more than

The Department of the En-

vironment index of the cost of

between the first quarter of

1973 and the first quarter of 1974 costs over the whole range

of construction work had risen

one party to a contract is made to fulfil all his contractual

obligations entered into two

years ago while the other party

to the contract allows current

prices to be charged for essen-

The answer by the Govern-

ment is that an ex-gratia pay-

ment may be made at the end

of the contract period partly to alleviate the difficulties, but the

In the meantime, a company

like mine continues to honour

its obligations and complete con-tracts to the value of some £4m

obtained at the end of 1972,

losing at least £200,000 to date.

Should inflation continue at the

tial and fundamental materials.

It is completely unjust that

two years ago.

by 241 per cent.

by a contractor.

Sir, I am writing to express the deep concern of civil engineering contractors involved in the execution of public works con-

tracts on a fixed price basis. My company is one of many who are in the process of completing contracts obtained in the last quarter of 1972 and early 1973, under the fourth edition of the Institution of Civil Engineers conditions of contract, which required the tender sum to be fixed price if the duration of the contract was under two years, and, indeed, the vast majority of public works schemes came into this

category. Since the end of 1972, the cost of basic construction materials has escalated beyond all possible predictions, in par-ticular hydrocarbons, cement, timber and steel.

Problems arising from the massive increase in the cost of hydrocarbons have been acknowledged and arrangements now exist for contractors involved in road construction and similar projects to recover part of these excessive price increacivil engineering is not yet re-ceiving adequate consideration.

The iniquity which now exists defies description. Civil engineering contractors employed on works in the public sector are working for local authorities whose funding for the majority of these projects is wholly or in part from the central Govern-ment through the Department of the Environment.

Therefore, the situation exists where a contractor is being Ltd,
made to fulfil a fixed price East Prescot Road,
contract directly or indirectly Knotty Ash, Liverpool.

From Mr R. J. Norman

change suppliers at once.

#### Seeing your coal go up in steam

Director.

whether his organization recom-Sir. Some years ago I too suf- mends coal merchants to store fered from a delivery of smokeless fuels under cover, branded smokeless fuel cou and what proportion of mertaining some 25 per cent of water. On complaining to my caution? His smoke screen, if this is a suitable metaphor, of coal merchant I received an answer such as to cause me to "all practical precautions" and "all reasonable steps" is not quite good enough—£30 or more Smokeless fuels are expensive premium products and unper ton is a lot to pay for water. like ordinary house coal are Yours faithfully. usually porous and capable of R. J. NORMAN, absorbing large amounts of Horol,

ckham Drive, Can Mr R. E. Perrin (Letters, West Horsley, Dec 4) inform us consumers, Surrey.

pensions having to pay the current price for such basic materials as steel, which is manufactured by the British Steel Corporation, a

From Mr A. Littler Sir, May I be allowed to a a good deal of misleading mation contained in Mr B letter (Business News, De-3)? The following poir new construction shows that relevant :-

1. Final pay pension s are not intended to relat fits directly to contrib The contract is for a contribution from employ employee in return for predetermined benefits. 2. One of the objective final pay scheme is to pension related to servi pay at, or near to, reti If a worker has moved higher-paid job earlier ir to a lower-paid job at t of career presumably adjusted his standard o to take account of the re

writer has yet to hear of any moneys actually being received іп рау. 3. In all good schemes 1 ployer pays into the greater amount thaemployee. It is true the is some redistribution employer's contribution some members will benet than others. There is unjust in that

same rate the latter figure will substantially increase before the 4. It would be virtually work is completed. Is the Government really sible for an employee interested in fair dealing? Yours faithfully. BARRIE JAMES WHITE. Wellington (Civil Engineering)

with his own contr. which, incidentally, we out of taxed income if h not in an approved scheme, the level of ret income and other benefit a very large untaxed for guarantee him.

5. There is certainly a spiracy of silence in a firm inor in many o know of regarding the tion of a final pay scheme. Personally i h. experienced any outcry " injustices Brooks refers to nor detected any clamour return to the old " purchase" arraugements Yours faithfully, A. LITTLER. 16 Poplar Avenue.

Eccleston. St. Helens. Merseyside.

#### Energy consumption and our life style some 16 per cent c

From Messrs P. T. Hinde and serve energy and give a worth-S. D. Probert

Sir, Without lowering our standard of living in the Unit-ed Kingdom, it is possible to reduce oil imports by 15 to 20 per cent within a year, and (if we wished) become self-suffi-cient by 1980. A 20 per cent reduction in total United Kingcom energy consumption could probably be achieved within a decade, again without reducing our standard of living or quality of life in any but the most

would be required. Some of the more obvious measures which need to be implemented to achieve these aims and reduce our balance of payments defi-cit are outlined below. They serve to extend period we have available to achieve a sustainable energy economy energy, wind and wave power, nuclear fusion and or clean

nuclear fission. All energy-consuming sys-tems and appliances should be designed and selected on the basis of running costs, coupled with long-life criteria, rather than on the basis of initial capital cost. Despite tacit government encouragement in the last Budget in the reverse direction, householders should be encouraged to regard the installation of thermal insulation as of higher priority than central heating.

Domestic energy consumption (mainly for heating) accounts for over 20 per cent of total United Kingdon energy consumption. Insulation of hot water tanks and lofts, draughtproofing of the structure, cavity wall insulation and double glazing are, in order of effectiveness, some of the actions which will both con-

while return on capital, Modern building designs have tended to be energy-intensive, utilizing unnecessarily high levels of artificial light-

ing, inadequate thermal insulation, unjustifiable air condi-tioning, electric heating, and non-optimal orientation with respect to the sun. Space heating should be accomplished by the use of non-premium fuels (coal, combustible refuse) or low-grade heat as provided by

Continuation of British Sum-er Time through the could give significant winter energy savings in street and building lighting, as could res-trictions on the allowable levels of shop-window and out-door display lighting. The policy of lighting considerable lengths of motorway also seems inappropriate at a time when it is desirable to discourage road travel.

Coordination of coal, gas, oil, and electricity marketing is needed so that each fuel is utilized optimally, rather than being forced on consumers through unnecessary, competitive advertising. The adoption of "reverse tariffs" for domestic supplies of gas and electricity (cost a unit increasing with consumption after a base ration" has been used up) could offer worthwhile savings of these premium fuels.

In the longer term, there is need for alteration to the charter. removing obligation to produce electricity at lowest cost, and requiring instead that optimal conversion of primary fuels into "useful distributed energy" be achieved; this would open the way to utilization of power Road transport accounted for

energy consumption United Kingdom in 19 ing the imposition of a speed limit, fuel cons was reduced by some cent, with the additionfit of a 14 per cent re in accidents. Present ta ances for business use act as a disincentive to mode of travel. Similarly, a flat-rate i fails to discriminate.

desirable on energy ation grounds, engined cars. energy savings by trai passengers and energy-intensive transport (car to lorry to train or barge stantial, while the in environmental gains she crease the public acces of legislation to achiev objectives.

Of broad legislative the most urgent need i companies and ind who spend capital in o reduce their energy of tion, whether it proved thermal waste heat utilization c efficient boiler plant.

Insofar as implements such measures requires technologists, action to discourage (by ing better opportunities United Kingdom) any drain of "energy eng. to the United States ma Yours faithfully. P. T. HINDE, S. D. PROBERT,

Centre for Thermal Ins Studies, Cranfield Institute of

logy, Cranfield,



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#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

#### Finance Bill: added curb on dividends

Finance Bill does not n anything that calls for ical reassessment of the in Budget. Some specific have, however, emerged ick appreciation since the ellor's speech in Novemin particular, the Inland ue have confirmed that lief will not be available set auginst Advance Cor-

implication here is that of the crude estimates of tial relief for individual mies that emerged on the fter the Budget could be iding. In addition, some mies that are now carry-rward tax losses because te relief against stock ciation have an added ive to cut or pass their nds. The obvious cases nt are companies with a werseas earnings content ompanies whose earnings ed sharply at an early in the economic cycle. the rest, it is a question iat amendments emerge the Bill becomes an Act. loose drafting which is to allow the property g or gold speculating ny to enjoy tax relief on ock will presumably be sed up. It would be ock will red up. unate, on the other hand, a hard-pressed building onstruction industry lost portant relief on its stocks nd simply because of rable speculative activity fringe of the industry has now largely been ated by a change in

act that discount wareand electrical goods Comet Radiovision ed to limit its reported shortfall in the year to gust to 26.4 per cent took arket by surprise; the moved up by a brisk 3p But there is little cause ebration in a 52 per cent on in second balf profits in unquantified transfer erves to cover the new tee on sales—particularly figures also show a 9.3 nt reduction in turnover second half of a year in the number of warehouses creased from 23 to 29. aet itself admits not only very slow sales during the er but also to a serious e of overstocking which, anagement claims, has now corrected. The effect on ig capital requirements is so iai nnified, but the company lat the £1.73m sale of the ion rentals business to a Rentals in September partly motivated by an to bring borrowings Television rental business some £300,000 last year, question for the future ns the extent to which has been able to conserve le in its decelerating ex-a programme—and the to which it is being ed to satisfy less patient

question, of the group will be able, in erably worsened trading ions, to generate the sort black-given that pre-tax is, at the best, were under cent. At the moment, as scond half results quite

st, particularly as the is exiguous and there is

a considerable chance of being locked into the shares. Sell. Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Calitalization £1.99m Sales £48.6m (£43.3m) Pre-(ax profits £1.47m (£1.99m) Earnings per share 5p (8.7p) Dividend gross 4p (4p)

#### Brewers

#### Support for the sector

of the brewers will be further underpinned by the results of Arthur Guinness and J. W. Cameron. Guinness has increased brewing profits at the trading level by £300,000 on static volume in the United Vinedon and desired. Kingdom and despite a six week strike in Dublin. This will help the defensive qualities of the sector first suggested by Bass Charrington.

Recent price relative strength

What did cause the damage what the cause the damage to profits in addition to the virtually predictable increase in interest charges of £1½m to £4m was a £900,000 overall setback in the restated associate companies' profits. Here, rising costs and the inability to make suitable price adjustments left the Nigerian business £1m the Nigerian business flm iower, while Cantrell & Cochrane ended fim lower in Eire, offser by a further improvement at Harp. At 60p, Guinness shares are selling at under 4.7 times historic and probably maintainable earnings, and yield 13.3 per cent. They should be held.

Cameron and other regionals have been consistent performers both in terms of volume and profits. They can undersell the nationals partly due to lower promotional costs and reduced distribution overheads. At 43p, the shares have no particular merits over other brewers of a similar size where p/e ratios of around 5 and yields of 10.2 per cent point to the relative attractions of the nationals in the longer term.

Guinness Final 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £50.4m -Sales E272m (£232m) Pre-tax profits £22.6m (£23.8m) Earnings per share 12.9p (13.6p) Dividend gross 7.99p (7.61p) Cameron Final 1973-74 (1972-73)\*

Capitalization £4.74m — Sules £18.9m (£16.0m) Pre-tax profits £20.3m (£1.99m) Earnings per share 8.4p (9.5p) Dividend gross 4.41p (3.93p)

#### Lonrho

#### Coasting home

Up by more than 80 per cent at the third quarter stage, Lourho finished the year with a 55 per cent gain at the pre-tax profits level of £451m, perhaps a shade below the most optimistic projections. Final quarter progress took the form of a relatively sedate 28 per cent pre-tax gain from £14½m to £18½m. Within that, associates, surprisingly, showed a fall from £2.4m to £1m. But Lonrho's this of selection its full approach habit of taking its full annual currency adjustment into the final quarter appears to have had a dampening impact.
As far as the African asso-

ciates are concerned, the drop masks an upward trend in trading experience. In 1973 the African currencies were appreciating against sterling; this year exchange rates have stayed roughly in line.

Sugar must have been the prime profit earner in the final

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s, the attractions of the 25 ent yield are somewhat the principle are she down is demonstrated.

prime profit earlier in the that mouths, but improvement was felt across the board. But commodities have now come off the boil while the outlook for Europe and the United Kingdom is demonstrated.

liquidity goes, the group is evidently fairly relaxed. While year-end borrowings show a jump from £54m to £63m, bank balances and cash have improved from £12.2m to £23m. Arguably, there is a fair portion of hope value in the shares, 81p yesterday after a strong showing in recent weeks, for a full diluted p/e ratio of 4 but that has never deterred a determined Lourho deterred a determined Lonrho lover. Impending Department of Trade report notwithstand-ing, Lonrho looks a speculative

Final 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization E58m Sales E345.4m (E270.5m) Pre-tax profits £45.5m (E29.4m) Earnings per share 20p (15p)

#### Smith & Nephew

#### Overseas benefits

Smith & Nephew continues to keep pace with inflation, but the market expects as much, and the shares rested at 221p, the year's low, yesterday. The report for the 40 weeks to October 5 shows sales up 30.2 per cent, a further leap (£240,000 to £424,000) in profits from associated companies, chiefly British Tissues, and pre-tax profits ahead by 17.2 per cent. In the first 24 weeks S. & N. hoisted sales by nearly 30 per cent and pre-tax profits by 17
per cent. It is also the same
trading message as before with
the overseas side producing the
growth, margins being pressed
at home, and Gala Cosmetic a weak spor thanks to the three day week. On this form S. & N. look

set for pre-tax profits of well over £11.5m this year against 510.2m, and earnings a share of around 4.2p. If so the p/e ratio is 5.4 and the yield, assuming a dividend raised by the most allowed of 12.7 per cent. Unrestable of 12.7 per cent. Unrestable of 12.7 per cent. markable ratings, but S. & N. bas obvious defensive strength Interim: 1974 (1973) Sales £81.4m (£62.5m) Pre-tax profits £8.5m (£7.3m)

#### Serck

#### Safety nets

Serck enjoyed an exceptionally strong third quarter, taking profits from deliveries delayed by the three-day week. This largely accounts for the slip in the profits growth rate from 49 to 36 per cent between the third and final quarters.

In any case if survival is to be the name of the game in the face of a recession, Serck at least has the merit of being tied to energy generation, a relatively non-recessive sector. North Sea oil and gas and electricity generation provide the biggest offtake for Serck's valves and heat exchangers, which in turn represent two thirds of Serck business.

Like any capital goods manu-

facturers with a relatively slow stock turnover, Serck has fast-rising debt on the back of high rising debt on the back of higher working capital. However, the group as apparently well within its borrowing limits and at least operating profits increased faster than interest charges in the final quarter. At ratio is 3? and the historic p/e ratio is 3? and the yield nearly 22 per cent, the shares could be underestimating Serck's chances of holding its own.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £4m Sales £43.2m (£35.7m) Pre-tax profits £2.04m (£1.87m) dom is depressing.

As far as United Kingdom Dividend gross 2.84p (2.5p)

Not by bread alone can the bakers prosper

David Young discusses the economics of the loaf

The publication within the keeping the price of a standard coming week by Mrs Shirley loaf to 141p.
Williams, Secretary of State In fact, the subsidy system for Prices and Consumer Prohas now placed the economics tection, of a revised Price Code will signal the beginning of a spate of price rise applications, with the bakers among the first to attempt to justify new increases

Their application will inevitably be approved after the settlement of the bakery workers' pay claim. This will lead either to a rise in the cost of a half by a provide at 110 cm. lead either to a rise in the cost of a loaf by as much as lip, or, as is more likely, an increase in the government bread subskly from its amount current rate of £59m.

The bakery workers' pay award will be followed by rises for other workers, including drivers, and the effect will be to squeeze the industry even harder. The past year has been among the worst in its history, with pressure comitte from rise. with pressure coming from ris-ing costs at the same time as a fall in demand.

The industry's predicament The industry's predicament is illustrated by Spillers' £3m loss on its bakery interests in 1973 and the fact that only the Government's subsidies, administered through the Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the prices ministry, stand between many smaller firms and bankruptty.

How much of the pay rises as well as the proportion of row material cost increases which will be allowable under

which will be allowable under the revised Code will deter-mine how large the price in-creases or the subsidy increase will be. The subsidies have already prevented rises of 24p, has now placed the economics of the industry as much in the hands of the Government as the bakers, although the bakers are as much in favour of cheaper bread as anyone

The industry has been anxious to make itself acceptable to the public, the Government and the shareholder, but has found this almost impossible in present circumstances and the result has been that the bulk produces bread at a

The big three, Allied Bakers, Spillers-French, and RHM (Ranks Hovis McDougall), have more than 70 per cent of the market with their Sunblest, Wonderloaf and Mother's Pride brands. All three companies rely on profits from other activities to subsidize ordinary bread baking, although Allied is in a break-even position on The rest of Britain's bread

consumption is catered for by about 30 smaller plant about 50 smaller plant bakers—the "independents" by some co-op societies in Scot-land and by the 6,000 master bakers. Some supermarket chains have incorporated in-store bakeries in their larger developments, but their contribution to the overall bread market is very small.

The overall result is that,

ping at the rate of 3 per cent a year, the industry has an ver-capacity problem. per cent on other ingredients, Branch has been a fundamen 3 per cent on wrapping and 2 tial over-capacity problem

with bread consumption drop-

by the bigger producers.
Because of the competition,
bakers have been giving fairly
large discounts to the supermarket groups, although the Phase Two in April last year Industry for some years has been in a position where it could not really afford to do

Supermarkets have found

that they are in a position to that mey are in a position to demand from bakers daily deli-rery services, with the bakers being responsible for setting up and running bread counters, while obtaining a retail profit margin of up to 24 per cent given to small shops. The per cent as against the 12! per cent given to small shops. The supermarkets have in many cases been able to reach an agreement with the baker to take back any unsold bread, although officially sale-or-return arrangements were stopped by the Government

So keen has industry been to get into this sector of the market that similar facilities have been made available the voluntary supermarket chains, with the result that bread has been available at small local supermarkets 2p cheaper than at neighbouring shops.
This is largely due to sav-

almost a year ago.

ings on the industry's high dis-tribution costs. The cost of a standard white unwrapped loaf can be broken down to 40 per cent on distribution, 36 per cent on flour. 9 per cent on bakery labour, 6 per cent on overheads, fuel and power, 4

been aggravated however by the Government's price controls, The introduction of coincided with an increase in the cost of hard American grain from £30 a ton to £110 a

Advance buying shielded the big three from the effects of this massive price rise, but not before flour prices had dou-hled and it became apparent that the pace of Price Commission procedures for price rise approval was not quick enough for the industry to recoup cost increases.
The productivity deduction

regulations—which govern how much of a wage increase can be classed as an allowable cost—meant that only a small proportion of increases in labour costs could be reflected in prices. This aspect of the Code is one which Mrs Williams is expected to modify and it could be the key to profitability for many smaller companies after the new wage settlement.

There is no possibility of profitability being increased by a sudden increase in bread coneaten drops.

a loaf and a quarter-with the highest income groups eating only 26 ounces a week.

Bread is still rich in essen-

sumption. This has dropped steadily since the war and figures show that as incomes increase the amount of bread Average consumption now is running at 36 ounces a week-

nutrients; penny

penny it contains more protein and iron for example, than any other food. The industry can always put

forward such statistics to jus-tify claims that bread in Britain is still a bargain. Even before subsidies were introduced figures show that the average British worker has to work for 10 minutes to earn enough to buy a kilo of bread; a worker in Belgium has to worker in beigium has to work for 11 minutes, in France for 22 minutes, in Germany for 16 minutes, in Italy for 16 minutes, in Italy for 19 minutes, in Holland for 12 minutes, and in Denmark for

14 minutes. What the figures do not say is how long the country's high-est paid people work to earn enough to buy a loaf, although those people are in effect receiving a subsidy of about 39p a year from the Govern-ment if they eat bread at the rate the figures suggest.
This is one of the arguments used by those who feel that the bread subsidies are doing

little to protect the lower paid, but they are a way of paid, but mey are a way but showing the trade unions that the Government is attempting to keep costs down and they too, should show restraint. Whichever way subsidies are

regarded they are not what is needed to solve the industry's long-term problems. In the short term they are vital to its need is more profit and the industry feels way profits can be increased at present is for the remiler to accept a smaller profit.

## Europe—no progress without political will

the United Kingdom should stay in the EEC has tended to distract attention in this country from the related issue of just what kind of European union should be the target of those who believe in this goal.

As Europe has wallowed from one setback to another—the energy crisis and the world re-

cession contributing to the prob-lems which it already faced the original federalist notions of a few years ago have given way to a commitment to "pragma-tism", which was much in evidence at the Paris summit this

The problem is that nobody seems entirely sure just what a pragmatic " European Community would actually do, apart from avoiding the mistakes which have been made by the Nine. The latest attempt to put for-

ward a programme for action has just come from a group of leading European economists, Pierre Uri and Alexandre Lamfalussy, all of whom have at various times written on aspects of the problem. They have tried to set out in their book\* a practical programme of action for the Community as 'it appears desirable to them as economists.

It has to be said that, on the strength of this work at least, economists look on the problems

of the Nine and the desirable solutions to those problems in very much the same way as most other people who take a favourable interest in the sub-They are in favour of econo-

mic and monetary union, but against the idea of trying to achieve this by locking parities as outlined in the Werner Plan; they do not like the high prices policies which the Community has adopted for agriculture, but recognize the need to give relief to low income farmers through the use of subsidies; they want the Community to ensure that aid is channelled to its backward regions to avoid the risk of de-population; and they are concerned to protect the environWhen it comes to industry, authors' analysis. A growing other body control over the they favour a judicious mix of number of people would also economy of its own country. Community action, restrictions agree with their suggestions on A case can be made for believ-Community action, restrictions on national measures designed to give industries in one country an unfair advantage and competition policy designed to prevent the private sector abusing its power in the market place.

word for word the goals and targets which were set out just over two years ago at the last EEC summit meeting to be held in Paris—at that time hailed as a success but whose achievements have become harder to pin down as time has gone by. Any attempt to find a "consensus" on how the Community should move forward must be

judged on how well it explains what has gone wrong in the past and how the same mistakes can be avoided in the future. By these tests, the book is most successful in its chapter on economic and monetary union, a target which the Six by 1980 in one of unguarded moments. their They recognize that the approach to which the Community has com-mitted itself, that of tying parities together progressively over the years in the hope that this will be accompanied by other measures to deal with the strains which this causes, is not

practicable.

The differing inflation rates in the Community countries and their differing vulnerability to outside events mean that no rnment can afford to give up the power over its economy which exchange rate fluctuations provide.

Nor are the authors optimistic that merely exhorting the nations of the Nine to coordinnations of the Nine to coordinate their monetary policies will do the trick. Desirable though they consider this to be, it was because of the failure of this approach that the Six decided to introduce the Werner scheme at the beginning of this decade. The dissection of the errors of past policy in this field is done as well as it has been done anywhere, and most observers would agree with the

how the programme for achieving economic and monetary integration should be pursued in the future.

The study calls for a greater role for the Community budget, which would automatically transfer one of the key economic functions from national governments to the European level, the use of a new currency unit (they use the name Europa, as have others who support this idea), which would exist side by side with national currencies, and the setting up of a special "Exchange Equalization Account". ation Account ".

Of these proposals, the last is the most novel. The idea is that the authorities responsible for managing this scheme would hold a portfolio of currencies which would be run to smooth out variations in parity caused by shifts of funds.

The idea has a number of seem to cope with the central problem which all such schemes face, which is that no government is keen to hand to some

ing that with enough political will even the Werner plan could have been made to work, while without that will no real progress is possible. This problem of political will

is right at the beart of the whole question of reforming the Com-mon Agricultural Policy, which has been the target of repeated criticism because of its high prices, protectionism and periodic surpluses. All these criticisms are no doubt justified, and the authors are right to say that the current short term relief brought by high world prices is no substitute for a proper policy. But it is questionable whether

their proposals advance very much our views on what that policy should be. They "find themselves in agreement with " a study by the Atlantic Affairs Institute (written by one of the authors of the present book), which called on the Community

rially, income support through direct subsidies risks being horrifically expensive. When the number of farmers has declined, it is likely that the efficiency of those who remain will be much greater, and so the need for any income support policy at all will be less.

Indeed, the biggest single criticism of this book is that too often it seems to propose as solutions to a problem policies which would only be possible if the problem did not exist.

Useful though the book is as a summary of much current thinking on the economic problems of European unity, the real breakthrough, if it comes at all, will come as a result of a new political commitment to the idea. Whether that will happen, only time will tell. David Blake

\*Economic Policy for the Euro pean Community—the way for way of boosting the income of its poor farmers.

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1973 Percentage

10th December 1974

# LONRHO

#### Year ended 30th September, 1974

The unaudited results of the Lonrho Group for the year ended 30th September, 1974 are:-

			increase
-	£m	£m	
TURNOVER (Note 1)	345.4	270.5	28%
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION			
Group	38.6	23.9	
Associates	6.9	5.5	
	45.5	29.4	55%
Taxation	(23.1)	(14.0)	
	22.4	15.4	
Minority interests	<u>(7.2</u> )	(4.2)	
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS		٠	
before extraordinary items (Note 2)	15.2	11.2	35%
EARNINGS PER SHARE Undiluted (Note 3)	<b>2</b> 1 25	157	2E0/
Undiluted (Note 3)	21.2p	_ <u>15.7</u> p	35%

1. Turnover The amount included in respect of the Associated Companies' turnover is £26.8m

not be material in relation to the attributable profit shown above. 3. Earnings per share The fully diluted earnings per share are 20.0p (1973 15.0p.).

The next dividend distribution will be considered at a board meeting to be held in February, 1975.

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2. Extraordinary items it is anticipated that the net credit resulting from extraordinary items will

#### is to encourage workers to criticize management.

first issue may be uphill work. The only member of the tissue family that would come forward with a gripe is Norman Chin-nock, shop steward at BT's Bridgend plant.

first of all that the room's not as bad as Chinnock says it is, but then hints that even so, it'll be put right.

Holford, who recently joined the Bridgend mill, is profiled elsewhere in the paper. He is management at the mill are good, but not so good between management and workers." Jones the editor is not on

Signs of the times, inflation

#### Living on an index Business Diary: Tap Rootes •

stitute of the Motor In-after a working life in s to the motor vehicle. sing a lot of dust by a ien to rationalize more in different organizations ed in the motor industry. idea is to regiment them hree battalions under the tive banners of the
y of Motor Manufacand Traders, the Motor
s' Association and his
IMI. These, he thinks,
be better able to fight od fight against what he bes as "an unreasoning tta against both the primotor car and the comof investment in road

the idea is certainly not down well with at least ossible recruit—the Insti-Road Transport eers.

Tony secretary er was once an army who was not impressed one of the "rubbish" about tradition at the of rationalizing regiments is of their traditions. But and his president. Earl oppose the Rootes plan se the institute, which standards for professional fications and training, has madition of non-involnt with commerce.

to put too fine a point Fletcher says, there is a cat in hell's chance of IRTE and its 8,000 ers referring training professional standards

fact, the IRTE has less



lash of inflation, to look for a big brother with cheaper shared services and offices on offer. Strong on the more stable commercial vehicles side, the IRTE has seen steady membership growth over the years and is satting on an advantageous London office lease with about 20 years to

There was a time in the Netherlands when the Index referred to a list of books which Roman Catholics were not allowed to read. Now it is the key to the Dutch wage earner's spending power, and the reason why Mr Rising Price does not than some smaller have a Dutch equivalent Prices wincing under the may have risen 10.4 per cent

this year, up to the end of November, but because automatic compensation is built into almost every wage agreement it does not mean automatic panic. Indexed wages keep the Dutch content with minimal improvements in their annual

spending power, so long as that spending power does not actually decrease. Not only earned wages are indexed, the same scale applies to the legal minimum wage, which in turn means that social security pay-ments of all sorts and kinds keep pace. Pensions are also indexed, with the exception of some older private pension schemes. Searching around for some-

government last year, in the chaos of the oil crisis, when no one was looking, voted through a new law indexing alimony payments. Earlier this year all alimony payments fixed by court order before 1970 were raised by 54 per cent and next year they will be raised another 16 per cent.

thing else to index, the Dutch

The Divorced Men's Association is also going to force a test case on whether the 16 per cent index should apply to the original alimony award or the award plus the 54 per cent. They quote situations where the index has led to members applying for social security benefits because under the new regulations their alimony is more than their income.

British Caledonian when the Gatwick-based independent air-line trimmed staff and routes October, has popped up again in aviation.
This time it is as director

with special responsibilities for development with the small Norwich-based air charter operator Peters Aviation. As BCAL's managing director it was Guinane's job to cut the staff by 800. Having selected the unfortunate ones and informed them, Guinane then gave in his own resignation. "I decided it was right to associate myself with them and sever my own connexions", he told Business Diary yesterday. Guinane's experience running the big "second force" airline

scheduled 'services. It's not only Cadillacs and property companies they spend it on. Frederick Restall Limited of Birmingham has just installed 300 comfortable seats in a new

camel-racing stadium in Oman.

interests Peters, which has pre-

break into

Democratic British Tissues, which is half owned by Finnish risse makers Oy Nokia AB and GA Serlachius Oy, is indulging in a little indus-

Fresh role

Guy Guinane, who threw up his job as the number two chairman Adam Thomson in Managing director Fred Wilson has given his blessing to a revamped house journal, BT People ("The family newspaper of British Tissues"). Its policy, according to editor Ted Jones,

trial democracy that might interest the Scandinavians.

This, on the evidence of the

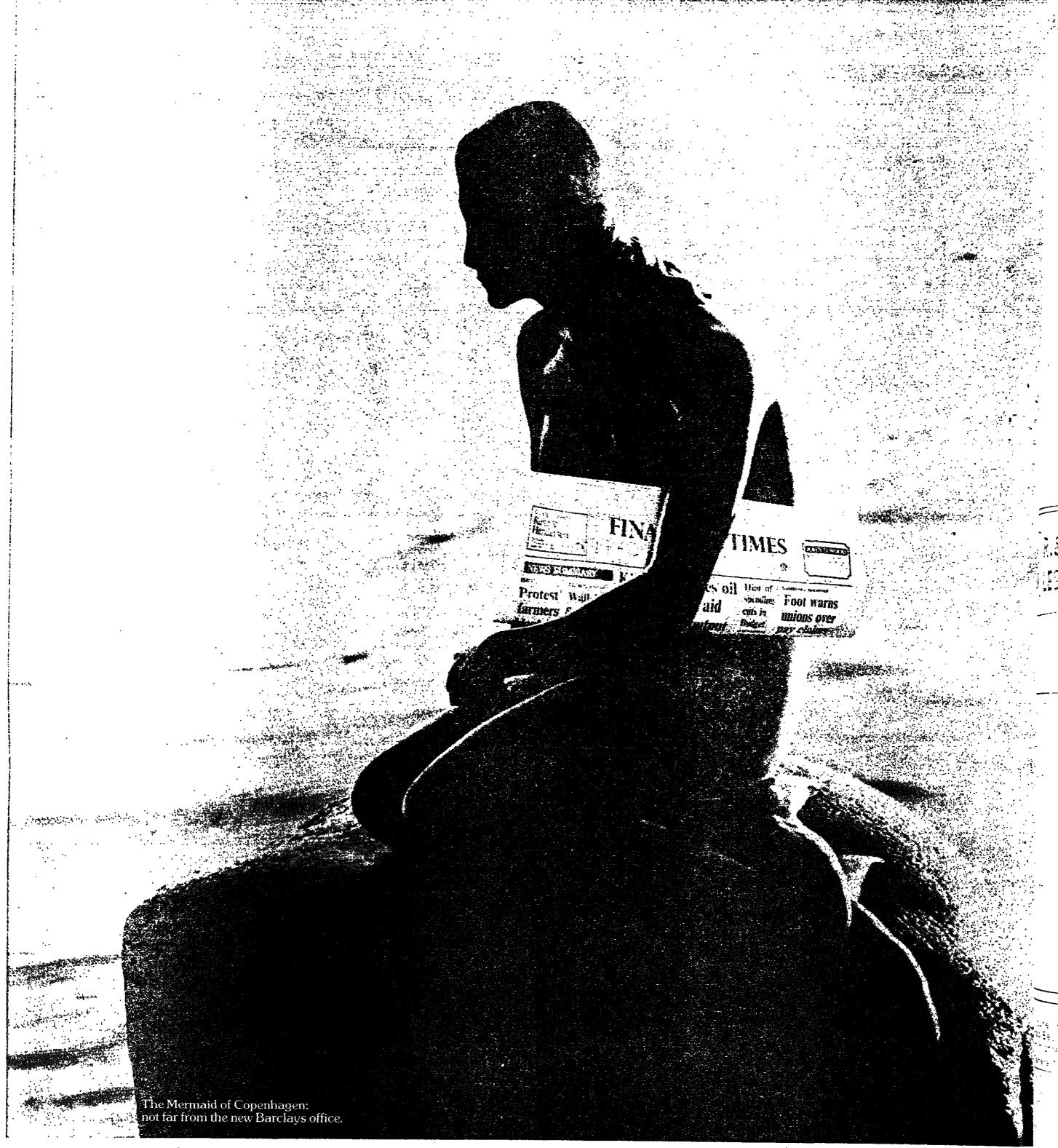
Chinnock is quoted as describing a locker room as "cramped as a dungeon, hot as a jungle, and it smells like a drain." Management, in the shape of personnel services manager Bryan Holford says first a like that the propriet

there quoted as saying "Relations between top and middle ritish Tissues's staff, but in

Britain many house journals are

edited on a freelance basis. Jones says that the idea was Wilson's, and that from telephone calls he's had since the first issue began circulating, he hopes the next will be stronger meat. Wilson, he adds, saw the proofs and made no changes. And, unusually in a British house journal, there is not a single mention of the managing

dept : Barclaus Bank has introduced a £100 travellers' cheque and is to phase out the £2 one, leaving £5 as the lowest sterling



# If you want to know where to expand overseas, look where Barclays Bank International are opening new offices

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#### gencies' television mmissions may be it if payment is slow

lespread complaints are received by advertising ry media associations slow payment of adver-bills by agencies and isers. Some television ictors are believed to isidering witholding part is commission earned by ies as a penalty for non-int within the stipulated

onal newspapers, through ewspaper Publishers Asso-i, took action about three ago by raising surcharges ls unpaid beyond a certain

rision advertising bills, account for about half tal spent on display adver-overall, should be paid 15th of the month after immercial is transmitted. ome contractors say that a third of their accounts not been settled by the end month following that. mmission granted to slow agencies has not been lly raised. But a number mactors are known to be ely considering the possi-

io research results

first independent re-results for the two n commercial radio staissued this week, endorse aims made independently stations concerned. ital Radio, the larger of o, says the findings of the Industry Committee of Audience Research, vindis claims, disputed by the and others, of a million

s executives at the station was dited at the possibility of g the figure of 25p per

1973 (Loss)

973 credit)

of Associated Co's

in progress of £171,462.

opriated Profit carried forward

#### Advertising & marketing.

thousand listeners which was cited as a target before the station went on the air. National advertisers wanted a level nearer the 17p per thousand mark at

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But the independent and ion companies have no ive sanctions against slow is wision advertising bills.

But the independent bite, the gap between the two figures is narrowing and John Whitney, managing director of Capital, has great hopes for attracting more adversing account for about half revenue on cost grounds next

The JICRAR figures show that 10 per cent of all adults in the London area listen to Capital Radio. The BEC's Radio One has 33.2 per cent of the adult audience. Radio Two is next with month following that.
23.4 per cent followed by Radio
ar the solution of cutting
Four with 20.3 per cent.

Ahead of the BBC's Local Radio London and their up-market Radio Three Station comes the commercial radio sta-tions, Capital Radio with 10.0 per cent and London Broad-casting with 5.4 per cent.

Mother's Pride move After weeks of speculation, the brand leader in the troubled sliced bread market, has finally announced its move to a new advertising agency. Ranks Hovis McDougall's Mother's Pride is being handled as far as advertising is concerned with effect from this week by Leo Burnett. The account according to Media The account according to Media Expenditure Analysis figures was worth about £200,000 last

R.&W.HAWTHORN,

62,782

3,160

43,400

**LESLIE & CO. LTD.** 

'oints from Sir Horace Law's Statement and the Accounts: ar's Trading. During the first half year, we had full order

and production was proceeding smoothly but early in the ear the need to save power forced a three-day week upon my. Also rising inflation has inavitably affected the profits.

we operate so much on long term contracts, it also isstated our making provision for possible future losses on

Hunter Shipbuilders shares transformed the cash position

ging an overdraft on which we would now be paying a high

together with interest on down payments on work in ass, has earned the Company £144,543 in the year—a market

eahorse Engine. Although the past year has been pointing we greatly hope that the Engine will finally prove

as possible are in course of formation. All expenditure

this year has amounted to £147,771 has been written off oclated Company. During the year, B.E. & H.L. Foundries

rder Book. Further orders were received for the manufacture ps' main engines bringing the total order book at 30th June, to 16 engines. Orders for marine spares and general

during this current year, and plans for marketing it as

which was formed during the previous year showed a

te Heat Recovery Unit. A prototype unit has been

and is being built in the works. On successful trials of the prototype it is hoped to start\_marketing in the

sering continue at a satisfactory level.

a of the next financial year.

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**Annual General Meeting** 

SISTANLEY MORTON, F.C.I S.

in his address on Tuesday, 10th December 1974 at the Chartered Insurance Institute

ast to the past when the investment produced no return at all.

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mproved Cash Position. The disposal last year of the

Patricia Tisdall

(69,960) 634,568

(3,702)

755,720

#### FINANCIAL NEWS

#### Adverse £3.1m swing in leasing finance holds back ICL

Leasing, pre-tax profits of Inter-national Computers (Holdings) national Computers (Holdings) come out practically stationary for the 12 months to Septem ber 30 at £12.2m against £12.4m pre-tax. Turnover for the period, however, rose from £168.6m to £200.5m. On the brighter side is news of a "most favourable" public reaction to the new 2900 series computers. The outcome, in line with market expectations, left the share price unchanged. left the share price unchanged.
The result, the board says, should be viewed against the year's background of an energy

Affected significantly by an crisis, a three-day working week, adverse swing of £3.1m in its a high rate of inflation and a arrangements with Computer significant degree of price con-

Because of the high cost of money, the group was required to make payments of £1.9m to Computer Leasings compared with the receiving of dividends of £1.2m in the preceding year, which also had the benefit of an exceptional credit of £1.2m. The outlook for the current year, though cautious, is not

undoubtedly helped by the com-pany's strong product line and healthy order book. Meanwhile, net losses of £481,000 against credits of £1.27m on fluctuations

in exchange rates have been taken direct to reserves. The launch of the 2980 and 2970 computer systems brings to a climax some five years of effort. Orders for some £21m of the two new models have already been received. Mr Tom Hudson, chairman, is convinced that the series gives ICL a range particularly muted. Though a forecast in the present uncertain economic climate is too difficult to hazard, overall prospects are that the series gives ICL a range of computers unsurpassed in the forecast in the series gives ICL a range of computers unsurpassed in the series gives ICL a range of computers unsurpassed in the series gives ICL a range of computers unsurpassed in that the series gives ICL a range of computers unsurpassed in the series gives ICL a range of computers under give ICL a rang

#### Slide by British Cotton & Wool

Losses at Citroën

Citroën SA expects its 1975 net losses to be slightly reduced from this year's (expected) loss of around 850m francs (£77.6m) (net profit 232m francs for 1973), informed industry sources and its Position to the state of the st

said in Paris yesterday.

Total financing needs for
1975 are estimated at considerably over 2,000m francs, includ-

ing the net losses, new industrial investment, financial charges, reimbursement of loans and other items. The company is already assured of a 1,000m franc long-term loan from the

government, plus nearly 480m francs from the sale of its 98.6 per cent subsidiary, Automobiles M Berliet SA.

The rest will be put up by Michelin, majority shareholder in Citrosom

second-half outcome is unlikely

to equal the first.
On sales down from £17.44m

to £16.88m, pre-tax profits dropped from £1.17m to £932,000, and the "attribut-

able " from £553,000 to £501,000

(including extraordinary items of £48,000 (£13,0000)) for the six

Chapman (Balbam) '

GM Firth (Metals)

NEWMAN INDS-LINDOP

ings 5.36p (5.32p) a share.

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Although trading conditions

ing exceptional items. Dividend 0.93p (0.78p).

Newman has received accept-ances from 2.63 million Lindop shares, this being 94 per cent of shares subject to offer, which stays

Consolidated profits last time £691,000 (£306,000) pre-tax from turnover of £2.97m (£1.69m). Earn-

Proposed merger between Shipton Automation and Bankers Trust International, and Hongkong

& Shanghai Banking's 40 per cent

stake in Antony Gibbs not to be referred to Monopolies Commis-

For year to September 30 net profit after tax of \$26.9m (\$25.3m) from sales of \$511.9m (\$433.9m). Total dividend held at 12 cents.

Net earnings for year to October 31 were \$154m, against \$164.9m. Company said earnings reduced by "last-in, first-out" accounting for

slackening

in Citroën.

(1.83p).

Bambergers fear

full-time drop

The halfrime results of British Cotton & Wool Dyers' financial position remains Association reflect the extremely difficult trading conditions in the private house building sector (in which the group has being raised from 1.3p to 1.49p Association reflect the extreme-ly difficult trading conditions in the private house building sec-tor (in which the group has timber interests) and in cer-tain sections of the textile in-dustry. In spite of a 7.7 per cent increase in turnover, pro-fits show a marked downturn because of lower margins and almost doubled interest interest charges. These factors have served to drive down taxable profits by 82 per cent from £316,000 to £58,000, their lowest level since 1968. Turnover in the period was £4.8m against £4.5m, and the interest

charges £65,000 against £33,000. The board say there has been rapid cost inflation in both material costs and wages which it is not possible to pass on to the consumer and profits have been further affected by the high cost of borrowing which has caused interest costs

Banking slump at Sheerwood

Buoyed by its industrial sec-tor, which after a poor start because of the three-day week is now trading at record levels, Central & Sheerwood Trust nevertheless experienced a decline in profits from £1.3m to £936,000 pre-tax in the six months to June 30.

The profit is struck after finance and administration charges down from £802,000 to £44,000, the difference being that the Łal business, now sold, accounted for £736,000 of the 1973. Figure 15 also counted.

accounted for £736,000 of the 1973 figure. It also contributed £571,000 to profits.

At the trading level profits were £4,000 (£614,000) from investment banking, £27,000 (£129,000) from financial services and £949,000 (£1.36m) from industrial activities, but excluding a Dutch subsidiary loss. Some second-half improvement is expected on the firms. ment is expected on the finan-

share while the dividend is 1.23p

Uplift at Fairey

WARE CARNEGIE

G A ROBINSON

Overseas contracts in hand or under active negotiation by Fairey Co, the general nuclear and hydraulic engineers, exceed the group's total turnover for 1973-74 of £29m, and include a substantial proportion from

**Briefly** 

Food group, launched in October, 1973, says turnover running at annual rate of over £20m, compared with £13m when launched. In spite of curbs and costs trading profit above £500,000 reached at that time. Growth rate should

Group has sold George Walker (Birmingham) for £210,000 cash.

All indications are present year

should be much more profitable than last, Mr C. Hill-Wood, chair-man, writes in review.

In first nine months sales up from 563m florins to 665m florins (£105.5m). Profit not disclosed, but second half and full profit not expected to match 1973.

Interim taxable profit £227,000 (£170,000) including investment income £1,800 (£1,400) but exclud-

STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS

HUNTER DOUGLAS NV

to September 30, taxable profits at G. M. Firth (Metals) are 47 per cent up at £305,000, on sales of £5.7m, against £2.92m. These profits are only slightly less than the record achieved in and the board say they expect a higher profit for the full year than last year"s £26m pre-tax. the second half of last year, when the steel industry was

booming.

The dividend is increased from 2.85p to 3p gross and there is a scrip option. Earnings a share rose from 6.4p to 9.1p.

#### E. Allen reacts to Sanderson bid for Balfour

News of an apparently straightforward agreed merger between high-grade special steel makers Sanderson Kayser and Balfour Darwins was trans-formed last night by the inter-vention of Edgar Allen, the steel and engineering major.

Allen intends to apply for

consents which would be necessary under the Treaty of Paris if it were to make an offer to acquire the issued share capital of Balfour Darwins or Sanderson Kayser. Allen reveal that negotiations

petween itself and Balofur on the terms for a merger have recently been discontinued. Sanderson had earlier Sanderson had earlier announced agreed takeover terms valuing Balfour at £1.3m. Reflecting, as with others reporting recently, the changed short-term outlook for the timber trade, Bambergers slipped back at halfway, coupled with a warning that the Their offer six shares plus 25p in cash for every 5 Balfour, equalling 32.6p per Balfour share. It would involve 4.92m new Sanderson shares and cash of £205,000.

Balfour would end up with 45 per cent of the enlarged Sander-son. The bid is conditional on not being referred to the Monopolies Commission and on all approvals from the EEC

months to September 30. The half-time payment is raised from 0.67p to 0.99p. Curbs and costs eat into Safeway margins

Profit curbs and unpreceden ted increases in operating costs Maintaining the impetus of hit Safeway Food Stores Ltd in tal side. the previous term's record its last term to September 28.

Earnings were 1.25p (1.59p) a f736,000 profits of Chapman & Sales of this United Kingdom Co (Balham), envelope makers, spurted from £302,000 to £517,000 pre-tax in the half to subsidiary of the American giant, which has 77 supermarkets throughout England and September 30. Sales were up from £1.98m to £2.76m and the Scotland, rose by 43.5 per cent to £92.9m, but profits were dividend is increased to 2.06p slightly down at just over £2m pre-tax. The sales are a continu

ation of the trend over the previous six years, but this is the first profit reverse in that have been harder in the half

NOTTS PATENT BRICK From turnover of £660,000 (£625,000) pre-tax profit last term £149,000 (£222,000). Earnings 10.9p (20.1p) a share.

JAMAICA PUBLIC SERVICE In six months to June 30 net loss JS1.62m (\$41,000 loss) after interest \$4.59m (\$2.8m). Dividend passed (\$3 for whole of last

SEARS-GALLIFORD EST Merger between two groups not to be referred to Monopolies Com-

ALEXANDER RUSSELL Interim pre-tax down from £278,000 to £219,000 but dividend up from 1.01p to 1.34p.

CLYDE PETROLEUM In first year of operations pre-tax profit £436,000 and profit attributable £85,000.

**MEARS BROS** Talks with Bos Kalis Westmin-ster Group, Netherlands, which might lead to an offer for com-

FREDERICK W. EVANS

Turnover up from £734,000 to £1.05m for half year, and pre-tax profit is £242,000 (£136,000). Dividend 0.9p (0.75p) gross.

#### **Business appointments**

#### New chairman named for AIP

Mr Jessel Harrison, brother of the late Mr Gabriel Harrison, succeeds him as chairman of Amaignmated Investment and

Property.
Mr Peter Barrows has been appointed partner in charge of the insolvency department of Price Waterhouse after the death of Mr Monty Eckman. Mr Mark Homan is being admitted as a partner on

Mr J. M. Brown has resigned as managing director of Rothmans Mr John Cuckney, senior Crown Agent and chairman of the board of Crown Agents has been appointed deputy chairman of Stanley Gibbons International. Caldecote joins the main board of Lloyds Bank.

Lord Chelwood has become deputy chairman of J. Compton, Sons and Webb (Holdings).

Mr C. T. Blunt, Mr M. E. L. Melluish and Mr T. S. Rowan Meliuish and Mr T. S. Rowan become managing directors of Singer & Friedlander. Local directors appointed are Mr D. C. Courtman, Mr P. E. Davenport, Mr P. G. Hock, Mr J. A. Lyttleton and Mr M. P. Sutton.

Mr W. R. Eyres joins the board of Midland-Caledonian Investment

Mr William Starkey has been Mr William Starkey has been appointed a senior vice-president of Litton Industries' Sweda International division with responsibility for international sales. Mr Cecil Myers becomes managing director of Litton Business Systems and head of Sweda International's United Kingdom and Eire operahead of Sweda International's United Kingdom and Eire opera-

tions. Mr Brian Walters has been appointed deputy managing direc-tor of Litton Business Systems. Mr C. M. Hughes becomes chairman of Trust and Agency Co of Australia in succession to Mr G. L. C. Touche.

Mr R. A. Brooke has resigned his directorship of Universal Underwear and Mr D. J. Framp-ton has been appointed to the

Mr L. J. Thomas has resigned from the board of Fluidrive Engi-Mr David Gurwicz has been-

made chairman of Sevcon. Mr Bryan Mooney replaces Mr Gurwicz as managing director. Mrs Richard Bowman has joined the board of directors of Weisweiller Adfos.

Mr A. L. Hancock, deputy chairman of the Walker Crosweller Group, has retired. Mr L. L. Jones becomes director and secretary, and Mr R. L. S. Berkeley financial director of Pera-

din Bonded Polymers of Bath. Mr G. P. Chandler has been made financial director of Herrfordshire Polymer Products of Lenchworth. Both companies are part of the Allied Polymer Group's industrial products division.

Mr Joseph Edens has been elected chairman of Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation. Mr Charles McCarty, former executive vice-president succeeds Mr Edens of the proceeding of the process of the proc Edens as president. Mr B. Vincent Kelly has been appointed chairman and managing

director of Orion Multinational Services. He succeeds Mr Philip Vilkinson. Mr Friedrich Beckmann, -mem ber of the board of managing directors of the Hamburgische Landesbank Girozentrale in Hamburg, has joined the board of London Interstate Bank.

Mr Peter Holland has been appointed to the board of Alcan Mr N. K. Gooden becomes man-oging director of Van Moppes-Impregnated Diamond Products. Mr S. T. King has been appointed assistant managing director. Mr John Grandidge joins the

main group hoard of Negretti and Viscount Torrington has been appointed a director of Attock Oil

Co. Mr George Doughty become chairman of the Economic Development Committee for the Electri-cal Bostoperine Industry.

Mr R. Jackman has been appointed deputy managing director and technical director of Fielding & Platt.
The following appointments have

The following appointments have been made in the cylinder component division of Associated Engineering: Mr I. L. Hepworth, staff director, production technology and planning, remaining chairman of Henwerth and Grandage; Mr D. J. Alldav, director of finence; Mr J. B. Hesketh, director of licensing and joint ventures; Mr K. C. Bairstow, staff director, manufacturing services. director, manufacturing services duction technology and planning.

Preliminary Announcement of **Profits and Dividend** 52 weeks ended 28th September, 1974

	1974		1973*	
	0002	2002	2000	0002
SALES Holding and subsidiary companies		271,784		232,055
PROFITS				
Holding and subsidiary companies Trading profit before depreciation		30.012		28.201
deduct : depreciation		6.890		6,113
Trading profit (see Notes 1 and 2)		23,122	40 - 70	22,088
Brewing	19,888		19,570 472	
Confectionery	373		740	
General Tràding Plastics	1,085 1,662		1.130	
Property	114		176	
•	23,122		22,088	
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Income from investments (see Note 3) Interest on loan to associated company		283		240
miterest on total to assuciated company				
		23,819		22,668
Bank and loan interest		4,007		2.549
Booth hada a sound an		19,812		20,119
Profit before taxation Associated companies:		13,012		20,
Share of profits before taxation (see Note 4)		2,823		3.702
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Holding, subsidiary and associated companies				50.504
Profit before taxation		22,635		23,821
Taxation Holding and subsidiary companies				
(see Note 5)	9.525		9.480	
Associated companies—share of taxation	_,		-	
(see Note 4)	1,193	10.718	1.651	11,131
				10.000
Profit after taxation		11,917 1,059		12.690 1.239
Less: minority interests		1,029		
Attributable to ordinary stockholders of holding				
company before extraordinary items		10.858		11,451
Extraordinary items after taxation				C- 2 100
(see Note 6)		605		Cr 2,190
Attributable to ordinary stockholders of holding				
company after extraordinary items		10.252		13,641
bar t annearance t comb				
	10.858m		11.451m	10 60
EARNINGS PER 25p STOCK UNIT		=12.9p	84m	== 13.6p
	84m		04111	

**APPROPRIATIONS** The Directors propose a final dividend of 3.551p per 25p ordinary stock unit in respect of which stockholders resident in the U.K. and the Republic of Ireland will be entitled to claim from the U.K. Revenue an imputed tax credit of 1.749p per 25p ordinary stock unit. This is equivalent to a gross final dividend of 5.30p (5.30p) per 25p ordinary stock unit making total gross equivalent dividends for the year 7.990448p (7.61p). Details of ordinary dividends and retained profits are as follows:—

	1974 £000	1973* £000
Interim Dividends Final Dividend	1,514 2,983	1,411 3.117
Retained Profit	4,497 5,755	4.528 9,113
	10.252	13,641

The Directors propose to give stockholders the opportunity of choosing between receiving this final dividend in cash or taking stock units in lieu. An Extraordinary General Meeting has been convened to take place at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday, 6th February, 1975. at which Resolutions will be submitted to implement the scrip dividend proposal.

Trading profit is after charging profit sharing scheme £1,236,000 (£1.252,000). The trading profit after depreciation of the holding and subsidiary companies attributable to sales in the markets indicated is analysed in the following table :--

	197	74	1973*		
Ноте	£m 18.5	% 80	£m 18.4	% 83	
Overseas	4.6	20	3.7	17	
	23.1	100	22.1	100	
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Franked investment income includes imputed U.K. tax credit.

The attributable proportion of profits is included in respect of the following associated companies: Harp Lager Ltd., Cantrell & Cochrane Group Ltd., Guinness (Nigeria) Sierra Leone Brewery Ltd., Savage Smyth & Co. Ltd., Taunton Cider Co. Ltd., and associated companies of Morison Son & Jones International Ltd.

(a) Overseas taxation amounts to £1,629,000 (£1,073,000°)

(b) U.K. Corporation Tax has been provided at the rate of 52%.

Modernisation of Dublin brewery Disposal of properties and investments Reduction of shareholding in subsidiary and associate companies	1974 £000 635 Cr 29	1973* 1973* 2000 717 <i>Cr</i> 122 Cr 2,785
	606	Cr 2,190

During the year professional valuers were instructed to undertake a revaluation of the freehold and leasehold properties not revalued in 1973. This has resulted in a surplus of £8.6m of which £6.5m is attributable to the holding and subsidiary

Figures re-stated principally in respect of Guinness (Nigeria) Ltd., in a form to make them

We have once again exceeded our previous records for the sales of stout, ale, lager and other products in world markets and turnover has increased by 17%. However, the effect of inflation and price control has resulted in a decline in Company profits.

Sales of all our products in the Republic of Ireland have been at record levels again. In Northern Ireland sales were satisfactory in spite of the many difficulties and disruptions. Due to distribution problems and the

bottle shortage, sales of Guinness in Great Britain fell slightly short of the previous year Overseas sales in both Guinness and Lager continue to increase in a very satisfactory way. Guinness is now brewed in 19 countries and sold in more

In the home markets Harp Lager has continued its growth and has been successful in maintaining its brand leadership.

A year of excellent growth making a substantial contribution to the Group

profits. CONFECTIONERY The drastic increases in the cost of raw materials have affected profits.

**GENERAL TRADING** A significant increase in trading profit over previous years.

**FUTURE PROSPECTS** 

The problems of instability in the economic field will have an undoubted effect on the Group's performance this year. This is particularly applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, where a slow-down

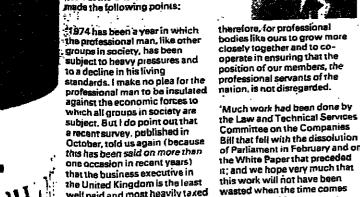
in expansion and investment plans is inevitable. Guinness is an increasingly broadly based group, both in its geographical spread and in its carefully chosen variety of products, which together put the Group in a good position to weather the present economic and political

IVEAGH, CHAIRMAN.

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the United Kingdom is the least well paid and most heavily taxed again to consider compan in Europe. legislation in the life-time of the It is not for professional bodies present Parliament. like the Institute, particularly those who like us enjoy the privilege of incorporation by Royal Charter, to engage in polemics on a party political basis, or to seek to represent their members as if they were

trade unions. However, it seems to me that in the public debate concerning the curse of modern industrial society - inflation the professional man, whose ethic is based on service to the

there is a distinct possibility that

'The Education Committe produced in April a completely new Students Handbook; another handbook, on caree community, will be ignored. It is

opportunities, has also been published. There has been very favourable reaction to the institute's careers film. "Administrator's World", for which a rapidly growing number of bookings is being received." The Report and Accounts were adopted. increasingly necessary.

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Stock markets

#### Equities and gilts turn still lower

year "low" for equities, represented the stock market response to yesterday's plunge in the pound on the foreign exchange centres. Reports that leaders of the Scottish and Yorkshire miners will demand a £10 wage rise for their mem-bers added fuel to City fears that inflation is running wild. And above all other factors was the widespread nervousness regarding the size of the United Kingdom trade deficit for last month, due for disclosure tomorrow. Some sources were hinting at a deficit of around

Gilts had another poor day and all sections of the market testing all-time "lows". Sentiment was clouded by the weakness of sterling and the continuing rise in local authority interest rates. The coupon rate on the "yearling" issue was 14, per cent. Dealers said that, with the rate through the 14 per cent barrier again, small non-professional interest

may increase. Sharp falls in "shorts" ranged up to 5 point in some of the low-coupon stocks.

Treasury 10! per cent 1976 fell back by ! point, while Exchequer 6! per cent 1976 and Treasury 6! per cent 1976 were

5.16 point down.
"Longs" dri "Longs" drifted down throughout the day and closed at the bottom. Losses were sometimes as much as ! point, although "mediums" and undated stocks were generally only i point lower. Most stocks are now at or near all-time lows. The yield on War Loan 3! per cent is at a record 17.37 per

In the equity market, share prices fell away in nervous trading. Oil shares were battered again. The City was worried both by the implications for the oil industry of falling pound, and also by press reports that United States institutions are worried by the delays on North Sea oil development

#### TRANSVAAL CONSOLIDATED LAND AND EXPLORATION COMPANY LIMITED

Uncorporated in the Republic of



With reference to the company profit announcement and dividend notice advertised in the press on 1st November, 1974, the following information is published for the guidance of holders of share warrants to bearer. The dividend was declared in South African currency and in accordance with the conditions of payment of this dividend, payment from the offices of the Secretaries of the company in the United Kingdom will be made in United Kingdom currency at the telegraphic transfer rate of exchange between Johannesburg and London that was ruling on 2nd December, 1974.

Payment will be made against coupon No. 71 om or after 8th January, 1975, in U.K. currency at the London bearer reception office.

ecupon No. II im or after Sti Janus ary. 1975, in U.K. currency at the London bearer reception office. Charter Consolidated Limited, 7 Rolls Buildings. Fenter Lane, London E. 4A IHX, or in French currency at Credit Lyonnais, 19 Boulevard des Italiens, 75002 Paris.

Coupons must be left for at least four clear days for examination and may be prescented any weekday. (Naturdays excepted) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Republic of South Africa nunresident shareholders' tax will be deducted at the rate of 15 per cent. United Kingdom income tax will also be deducted from coupons presented for payment at the London bearer reception office unless coupons are accompanied by Inland Revenue declarations. Where such deductions are made the net amount of the dividend is as follows:—

South College.

Cents Pence 5.25

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Secretaries of the company is the United Kingdom: Charter Consolidated Limited, 40, Holborn Viaduct, London ECIP IAJ. 9th December, 1974.

The Company has been asked by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to state:—

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Under the double taxation agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of South Africa, the South Africa non-resident shareholders' tax applicable to the dividend noncers tax appreciate to the dividend is allowable as a credit against the United Kingdom Lax payable in respect of the dividend. The deduction of tax at the reduced rate of 18% instead of at the basic rate of 33% represents an allowance of credit

#### RAND SELECTION

CORPORATION LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND NO. 115

Further to the dividend notice advertised in the press on the 8th November, 1974 the conversion rate applicable to payments in United Kingdom currency in respect of the above-mentioned dividend is £1 = R.1.607785 equivalent to 24.87894p per shape.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders Tax is 14.7495 per cent.

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Loudon Office: 40, Holborn Visduci, ECIP IAJ. Office of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries: Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Rox 102. Charter House, Park Street. Ashford, Kent. TN24 SEQ.

10th December, 1974.

London was closing down for the day. BP ended a net 7p off at 201p, Burmah öp off at 100p and Shell only 3p down at 130p.

ICI (118p), Beecham (112p), and Courtaulds (51p) all shaded lower. Motor trade shares were upset by the Government fuel economy moves. BLMC dipped to their previous low point of 6;p. and GKN dropped through the £1 par value level to close 3p off at 97p. Turner & Newall, unsettled by the political developments in Southern Africa, where the group has major interests, dipped to 64p. One of the few firm spots was Staveley Industries, 3p up at 43p after the results. International Computer Holdings held steady at 32) following their trading state-

A feature among the stores was House of Fraser, whose shares advanced strongly on rumours that Carter Hawley Hale, the United States stakeholder, might increase its hold-

Financial issues shared in the market sethack. Discount houses

Issues & Loans

Council coupon

The coupon on local authority yearling bonds has again jumped

sharply this week. Against 132 per cent a week ago, they are

now up to 141 per cent with an

Authorities making issues in-

cluded: Corby, Gateshead, Lincoln, Arfon, Wakefield, Llanelli, Knowsley, Amber Valley, Brad-ford, Mole Valley, Newham,

Lancashire, Cambridge, Cannock Chase, Hove, Inverness, Inverness-shire Water Board, New-bury, St Albans, Tamworth, York, Fife, Rushmoor, Torbay,

Castle Morpeth, Eastleigh, Chester, Hereford and Worces-ter, Woking, Avon, South Staf-

Credit Lyonais has confirmed

it is forming a syndicate for a \$50m, 5!-year loan to the Come-

con Bank of Eastern Europe.

The interest charge of the loan will be 11 per cent above inter-bank Eurodollar rates.

N'thern Developments'

Accounts of Northern Devel-

opments, the estate developers,

have been qualified by the audi-

tors. They are unable to express

any opinion on provisions of

£4.6m to reduce the book value

of some work-in-progress, and

provisions of £8.7m to reduce the book value of land to the

directors' estimate of net realizable value, in view of the un-

certain economic conditions in

the residential property market.

Because of the reservations they were unable to satisfy them-

selves that part of the accounts

gave a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company

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fordshire.

Further losses in the gilt But the early rise on Wall like Seccombe Marshall (170p) edged market, and a fresh 16- Street helped oil shares, as well and Smith St Aubyn (33p) were as many other leading stocks as easier in reflection of the fall in value of their gilt edged holdings.

Among the banks, Lloyds Bank at 96p lost 4p to join the list of those major companies whose shares are now below par

But property shares attracted some genuine interest—which means that there were buyers as well as sellers present in the market at the same time—a rare occurrence these days. British Land managed to recover 1p of recent loss to close at 9p.

Gold shares suffered another bout of profit taking following lower bullion price fixing in London. Selling was not heavy, and there were buyers about as well. Net falls in FS Geduld
(£234), and President Steyn
(£171) were limited to 75p.
With the General Meeting of
CASTS shareholders due today. and the share price still below the Selection Trust offer, shares CASTS moved up by 7p to p. Selection Trust eased to

Turnover in equities on December 9 was £25.5m (10,821 bargains).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Little surprise in

and Libanon.

Mining

Gold Fields dividends

The dividend declarations from the Gold Fields of South

Africa mines are broadly in line

with market expectations with the most significant dividends probably being those of Kloof

Given the geological problems

at Kloof, and the resultant drop in grade, it comes as little sur-

prise that the interim dividend

has been cut from last year's 29c interim and final of 50c to

only 25c this time. At Libanon, the results for

S STRAIGHTS

#### Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.							
Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's			
(and par values)	div	ago	date	total	year		
Bambergers (25p) Int	0.99	0.67		_	3.31		
J. W. Cameron (25p) Fin	3.03		31, 1	4.41	3.93		
Canpac (SS) Fin	45.05	41.05	28:1	86.03	77.05		
Cen & Sheerwood (5p) Int	1.23	1.05			2.45		
Chapman (Blhm) (50p) lnt	2.06	1.83	31 1		4.87		
Comet Radiovision (5p) Fin	2.0	2.0	7.2	4.0	4.0		
Equity Consort (£1) Int	3.0	3.0	30,1	-	ន.ព		
F. W. Evans (10p) Fin	0.9	0.75	26 2	1.76	1.57		
Fairey (25p) Int	1.49	1.3	12/3	=	3.4		
G. 31. Firth (10p) Int	3.0	2.85			7.32		
A. Guinness (25p) Fin	5.3	5.3	11, 2	7.99	7.61		
LCP Hidgs (25p) Int	1.4	1.25	31 1		4.0		
Notts Pat Brick (50p) Fin	4.76	4.57	19.2	9.23	9.37		
Alex Russell (10p) Int	1.34	1.01	31/1	_	2.31		
Serck (25p) Fin	1.78	1.5	14/2	2.82	2.5		
Staveley (£1) Fin	5.96	4.28	29.1	8.94	7.14		
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#### Interim jolt to growth at LCP Holdings

ahead of last year's levels and group trading profits for the half year are up from £1.26m to £1.56m. But the pre-tax is are up from 7.76p to 8.1p. down from a record £1.36m to

At half time profits
£1m. Apart from higher interest alread from £618,000 to £727 charges, the main difference is that this time the board has written down the book value of some development sites by £175,000, while a year ago £350,000 was made by selling on commercial property developments.

On net profits down from £804,000 to £563,000, the dividend is raised from 1.25p to 1.41p gross, although earnings a share are down from 4.3p to

3p. Traditionally, the Traditionally, the group enjoys a better second half but forecasting is impossible this year. The group will benefit, however, to the extent of £600,000 from the new tax relief measures on stock increases.

#### Directors to buy Allied brokers

In the latest of the disposals at Triumph Investment Trust, the receivers have agreed in principle for Mr G. H. Richardson and Mr P. C. Winton, the present directors of Allied Insurance Brokers, to purchase Allied and its subsidiaries. This would ensure the continuity of Allied's business, the employment of its staff and its service Casino. Liverpool.

#### **NSS** Newsagents at £1.4m peak

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the September quarter were well

below forecasts, presumably due

to a large extent to delays in the receipt of gold premiums.

The other declarations are

50c (35c last December) at

Doornfontein, 35c (10c) at East

Driefontein, 40c (20c) at Venterspost, 20c (12c) at Vlakfon-

tein, and 210c (140c) at West

United Kingdom copper consumption was 57,156 tonnes in October, according to the World Bureau of Metal Statistics. This brings monthly average for the year to date to 54,043 tonnes, over 7 per cent below the average monthly consumption during 1973.

Stocks of refined copper held by consumers fell by 6.358 tonnes during October to end the month at 23,303 tons

UK uses less copper

Driefontein.

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At mid-term NSS Newsagents was looking for a satisfactory result for the year to September 29. In the event a record pre-tax profit of £1.41m has been achieved, against £1.2m a year ago. Turnover of this Surrey-based company is up from £15.2m to £20.2m.

divisions at LCP Holdings are final dividend of 1.62p gross, raising the total from 2.1p to 2.35p. There is also a dividend-scrip option. Earnings a share At half time profits went

alread from £618,000 to £727,000.

#### Lifeguard Assce

New sums assured of Lifeguard Assurance rose from £109m to almost £112m in its last period to June 30. Sir Anthony Grover, chairman, says in the report these figures were achieved in a difficult period for life companies and the board is satisfied the company made "very sound progress" in the

The market value of the Lifeguard fund, reflecting the general fal in securities, was estimated to be £5.98m below: its written-down book value. Against that the redemption value of fixed-interest quoted stocks is £26.42m, this being £4,94m over book value.

#### More Ladbroke casinos

Taking its cue from the "excellent" current trading at its existing casinos, the Ladbroke Group is paying a total of £555,000 (subject to adjustment) for three extra casinos. The new acquisitions are: the New De Vere Club in London; the Oxford Casino in Manchester and the Metropole

#### Scotfunds

The managers of Scotfunds, a subsidiary of the Save & Prosper Group is making an interim distribution of 132p per 100 units, making a year's total of 259p, against 232p for

Over the half year the fund's liquidity has been increased from 11.4 per cent to 28.4 per cent of the portfolio

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# merger is under attack

The expected clash between shareholders and directors of the Bournemouth and Christ church Building Society, over the proposal to merge with the larger Portman Building Society did not materialize yesterday, when over 400 shareholders squeezed into a room at Bourne-mouth's Carlton hotel

Because of the numbers the meeting had to be adjourned but it will be resumed within 30 days. The Press was not allowed in J. Rowland-Jones, a 45,000 investor with the Bourne mouth and Christchurch, claimed the mood of the meeting

was against the merger.

He told directors: "We have blocked you this time. We will stop you next time". He added he believed that at least two. possibly three, of the board were against the merger.

#### Wall Street

New York, Dec 10.—On the New York Stock Exchange today, shares moved ahead strongly, helped by technical factors and a delayed, favourable response to the cut in the Federal Reserve discount rate last Friday. At 11 am today, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 9.78 points higher at 589.72.

New York, Dec 9.—COMEX SILVER railed from a 1-6's per cent drop on technical covering and other busing interest that developed later in the day. Prices finished 6.70 to 7.40 cents off. Dec. 412.50c; Jan. 415.30c; May. 17.40c; Jun. 435.50c; May. 17.40c; Jun. 437.50c; March. 45.70c. Handy and Harman of Canada. Canasa. 537 / previous Canada. Canasa. 537 / previous Competer. Futures closed steady between 50 and 60 points down on 602 lots. March. 58.80c. May. 60.00c; July. 61.25c. Sept. 64.40c; Dec. 63.20c; Jan. 63.80c.

Varch, 58.65-7°C: May, 77.40-duc; Jusy, 50.60 asked; Sepl. 60.50-1.0c; Nov. unquoted.
COCOA.—Tatures dragged through a rather stitutess session to close 0.42 cents lower to unchanged after taking in strade news of Ghana main cron purchases for this week of 24.0°7 long lone—the bisgest in sears leo market, ing seasons. Dec. 71.08c; May and Salvet Salvet, 10.50c; May, 11.50c; May, 11.70c; March, 11.0c; March, 11.0c; March, 11.0c; March, 11.0c; May, 11.40c, 6.0c; July, 11.71c; bid; Oct, 124.0c; bid; May, 10.50c; May, 11.40c, 6.0c; July, 11.71c; bid; Oct, 124.0c; bid; May, 10.50c; May, 11.60c; May, 10.50c; May, 11.60c; May, 10.50c; May, 11.60c; May, 10.50c; March, 33.80c asked; May, 31.70c; asked; May, 33.80c asked; May, 31.70c; asked; May, 481-42c; May, 481-42c; May, 480c; May, 481-42c; May, 481-42

#### B'mouth BS | Staveley fulfil hopes with 15pc upswing

By Our Financial Staff Emerging at midway from from the board in that, s the winter industrial troubles to external constraints, in much better trim than might confident that the con have been expected, Staveley Industries were confident of making up the lost ground—a fall of 9 per cent—and more. continuing expansion In the event this has been ful- gramme. In the past year filled with an overall 15 per cent climb for the year to capital equipment to Sentember 30 to nearly £3m— expansion of productive September 30 to nearly £3m at £2.9m—on turnover raised 20 per cent to £57.4m. The share Lime Products. price, which had put on 2p in the preceding fortnight, added a further 1p to close at 41p on

the news. Interest charges rose only from £824,000 to £951,000 leav-ing the "attributable" up from E1.51m to E1.68m. Earnings per share work out at 16.6p com-pared with 14.9p, while the total payment is hoisted from 4.28p to 5.96p.

performance will improve in 1974-75, with increasingly benefiting it £5.2m was invested it ties at British Salt and Si Of the total, about represented long-term de

the balance of £3.3m, ban drafts. Total overdraft fa of nearly £10m, which : £5m available until Sept 1978, cover current ove planned that cash flow adequate to finance operations and the investment programme

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#### **TOWN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

"Our refinancing needs are spread prudently over the years and the great bulk of our borrowings is at rates that are modest in relation to current levels".

Kenneth Jones, F.C.A., A.C.I.S., Chairman.

The following is a summary of points emerging from the accounts for the year to 31st March, 1974, and the Chairman's statement. Copies of these documents are available from the Secretary. 25 Grosvenor Street, London, W1A 4EP.

#### PROFITS AND DIVIDEND The pressures of the year affected the profit and loss account in

three ways. Trading profits were reduced by £1,056,000 to £304,661. The company was deprived of additional rental income of £274,803 through the statutory freeze on business rents. Total interest payable rose by £1,673,000 to £8,229,602.
The loss of £594,323 (against a profit of £443,570 for 1972-73) would, however, have been avoided if profits of approximately £1.5 million had arisen on sales in respect of which contracts had been exchanged at the time of the profits forecast last February. In present conditions the directors have decided not to include the potential profit on these sales until completion actually takes place. The directors consider it in the best interests of the company to maintain the status of the shares as a Trustee investment and recommend a nominal dividend of 1% (including the associated

#### **PROPERTIES AND VALUATION**

The Group's property portfolio rose from £124.7 million to £150.7 million on the year, made up as to 73% freehold and 25% leaseholds over 75 years. The board considers the valuation for properties already let and completed as at 31st March, 1974, does not differ on the whole from the valuation at 31st March, 1973. Properties held at the year end for or in course of development are valued at the open market value of land with the benefit of planning approvals where appropriate, together with the value of work executed to date and wherever applicable the effects of agreements entered into.

"The portfolio", says the chairman, "remains one of inherent growth although we shall continue to pursue the existing policy of selective sales of low yielding investments. Since the end of the financial year sales totalling £9 million have either been contracted or completed and we are continuing this policy to assist us to alleviate cash flow problems".

#### CAPITAL RESERVES AND BORROWINGS

The share capital of £2.011,756 (in 20p shares) was supported at 31st March, 1974, by reserves of £34,790,428.

There was also £20,760,898 of 63% Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock and the Group was making use of long-term borrowings of £52,078,094 and medium-term borrowings of £27,021,058. The Chairman's statement includes analysis of net borrowings according to dates repayable and variations in interest rates, presenting a picture of what Mr. Jones describes as a "balanced borrowing structure".

#### **DEVELOPMENTS AND HOLDINGS**

Financing arrangements covering the bulk of capital expenditure respect of most of the Group's developments were concluded on favourable terms before the recent increase in interest rates. The Group is taking advantage of conditions in the West Indies & Canada to undertake a programmed sale of its holdings there. Over 17% of the residue of the Group's holdings are in Western Europe, and the board is satisfied that it will be able to make satisfactory arrangements to complete all developments except fo the site in Lille, where development has not been commenced and where for the time being plans have been shelved in accordance with the Group's general policy.

#### THE FUTURE ROLE

"Once contemporary pressures are absorbed", says Mr. Jones. "the property industry is one in which we have full confidence. W accept, of course, that the scope for the property developer acting as principal stands profoundly modified by the new legislation imposing corporation tax on the values created by change of user and capital gains tax (payable at an interval) on the value of the development. If I may throw in the thought, the developer may finan expanded role as a risk-taking project manager for the institutions. Some such new role must emerge because the contribution which modern building must make to the nation's industrial and commercial future is dependent upon the talents. skills and enthusiasm which have hitherto been concentrated in the existing organisations long associated with property

#### Hawthorn's future still uncertain R. & W. Hawthorn Leslie, the

Tyneside engineering and ship-building group, still does not know what the Government's nationalization plans will mean to it, Sir Horace Law, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting in Newcastle. Nationalization of the "big

slow-moving diesel engine industry" is what Mr Wedgwood Benn seemed to require, he said. But the manufacture of such engines comprised slightly less than half the company's business and they had to wait to see "whether the Government intended to leave the group out of the plans, carve it up or take it over completely, Sir Horace added.

#### Erosion 'of executives' living standards

Reporting to the annual meeting Sir Stanley Morton, president of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Admini-strators, referred to 1974 as a year in which the professional man had been subject to heavy pressures and a decline in his living standards. Generally, the business executive in Britain was the least well-paid and most heavily taxed in Europe. The danger was that of being ignored in the public debate over effects

#### **Commodities**

#### Index falls to new 1974 low

Reuters commodity index fell five points yesterday to 1,205.0 (1931 equals 100)—175 lowest point this year. The decline was mainly the result of price falls in copper, tin, lead, sugar, cocoa, soya beans and maize. The index, which is weighted on the prices of 17 commodities, has declined intermittently since it reached a record high of 1,479.7

on February 26. It now stands 178.6 points below its leevi of a year ago and 1.7 points below its previous 1974 low reached on July 11.

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Fresh sharp falls in sugar futures

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#### Gains tax loophole for insurance money

which a gain may accrue to the person making the disposal out subject to that neither the rights of the insurer nor the rights of the insured under the policy of insurance... shall constitute an asset on the disposal of which a gain may accrue."

The Crown accepted that no gain

the taxpayer.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the taxpayer had argued that the rights under the insurance policies were assets for the purposes of capital gains tax and that there had been distanced on the purpose to the purpose to the purpose to the purpose to the purpose of capital gains tax and that there had been distanced on the purpose to the purpose the rights to receive compensa-non under a policy of insurance were assigned for a money con-sideration, there was no liability by virtue of section 22(3) of the Finance Act, 1965, on the person receiving that money consideragains tax and that there had been a disposal of those rights by the trustees to Mr Greene. However, no chargeable gain accrued as a result of that disposal because it was expressly provided by paragraph 10 (i) of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act. 1965, that "the rights of the insured ... shall continue an asset on the disposal of which a gain may accrue to the tion to pay capital gains tax on it since it could not be said to have been derived from assets held by him.

heid by him.

The taxpayer, Mr Rubert Montgomery, was appointed one of three trustees under the will of his father, who died in 1961. The trust property included real property in Bellast. In 1962 the trustees effected two insurance policies covering that property against loss or damage by fire. In August, 1968, the property was extensively damaged by fire and subsequently the insurance company agreed the amount of compensation payable under the policies at 575,192. A scheme was then effected by the trustees whereby their rights under the two policies were assigned to Mr Geoffrey Robert Greene, the husband of one of the trustees, for a consideration of 575,192. In November, 1968, the insurance company paid the agreed compensation to Mr Greene.

The taxpayer appealed to the commissioners against an execution of the trustees.

Mr Greene.

The taxpayer appealed to the commissioners against an assessment to capital gains tax for 1968-69 in the sum of £50,000.

Allowing his appeal and adjusting the assessment, the commissioners upheld his argument that the £75,192 received by the trustees from Mr Greene did not fall to be taken into computation for the purposes of capital gains tax. The Crown appealed.

Section 22 (3) provides that "Subject to subsection (6) of this section, and to the exceptions in this Part of this Act, there is for the purposes of this Part of this Act, a disposal of assets by their owner where any capital sum is derived from assets notwithstanding that no asset is acquired by the recommendation of the purpose of this part of this Act and sposal of assets by their owner where any capital sum is derived from assets notwithstanding that no asset is acquired by the

ing that no asset is acquired by the person paying the capital sum . . ."
Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wilkinson,
QC and Mr Peter Gibson for the

The Crown accepted that no gain accrued on the assignment of the rights but argued that for the purpose of section 22 (3) the sum paid to the trustees by Mr Greene was a "capital sum "derived from "assets"—the property held by the trustees—and that there had been a disposal of such assets by the trustees with the inevitable capital gains tax consequences.

Those contentions apart, had the Crown established that the money paid to the trustees was "derived" from "assets" held by them? The relevant dictionary meaning of "derivation" was "to trace". The capital sum in question derived on Mr Greene's side from his own personal resources; they could not be said to have derived from any assets belonging to the trustees. On the other hand, doubtless the only reason the trustees received the sum was in exchange for the disposal of their rights under the insurance policies; which rights were derived from the underlying property of the trustees.

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It was not right, however, to trace the derivation back in that way. Clearly the capital sum paid by Mr Greene was derived from the sale of the rights under the policies and it was not right to go farther back. If it were the derivation to go farther back. If it were legitimate to trace the derivation of assers back in the manner of

Inland Revenue Commissioners

v Montgomery

Before Mr Justice Walton

His Lordship held that where the insurance policies were the insurance policies were appears to receive compensation under a policy of insurance.

Crown: Mr P. G. Whiteman for the taxpayer had argued that the rights taxpayer had argued that the rights under the insurance policies were assets for the purposes of capital merit in the other submissions and that the rights of the appeal, but there was also merit in the other submissions and that the rights are policy of insurance. ment in the other submissions made on the taxpayer's behalf. It was argued that section 22(3) only applied where no asset was acquired by the person paying the capital sum and that here Mr Greene did acquire an asset.

From the provisions of section Greene did acquire an asset.
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Li it was clear that subsection (3)
was dealing with a case where the
person paying the capital sum
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sum to be taken into account received. For whatever reason, no asset but nevertheless the capital sum was to be taken into account for capital gains tax purposes. That was made plain from the wording "notwithstanding that no asset is acquired by the person paying the capital sum". The Crown was wrong in arguing that "notwithstanding" meant "whether or not"; it was used in a quite different sense. It was conclusively shown that the draftsman of subsection (3) was thinking of capital sums which did not attract corresponding assets.

As to paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 7 it was difficult to think that it was intended to produce the result that although there was an exemption from capital gains hax when rights under a policy were assigned, the person making the assignment was not nevertheless saved anything by way of tax because the revenue could demand tax in exactly the some amount because the consideration for the assignment was to be regarded as a capital sum derived from the

because the consideration for the assignment was to be regeried as a capital sum derived from the underlying assers. Even if section 22(3) was capable of applying, to the present case it was expressly made sublect to paragraph 7.

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ferred and the anneal dismissed. It was a most incommenter conclusion to have reached, but the taxoayer had fairly brought himself within the scope of the exempting provisions and the Crown had not succeeded in fairly bringing him within the scope of a charging provision.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Penningtons and Lewis & Lewis.

to be considered on an application

#### When winding up may be stayed

In re Calgary and Edmonton Land Co Ltd

Before Mr Justice Megarry Before Mr Justice Megarry
Circumstances in which a stay
of a voluntary liquidation of a
company may be granted were
considered by his Lordship when
he dismissed a motion by Mr Isaac
David Hillman, a contributory and
director of Calgary and Edmonton
Land Co Ltd (in liquidation), for
an order to discharge an order of
Mr Registrar Berkeley made on
October 31, 1974, refusing to stay
the winding up on Mr Hillman's
summons.

Mr Hillman in person; Miss Mary Arden for the liquidators. Mary Arden for the liquidators.

HIS LORDSHIP, in a reserved judgment, said that since May 21, 1970. the company, a property development company with assets valued at several millions, had been in a creditors' voluntary winding up. However, it was probable that when all the assets were realized there would be enough to pay all the remaining creditors. pay all the remaining creditors, discharge the expenses of liquida-tion and leave a substantial bal-ance for the shareholders. Of the about 14m issued ordinary shares, Mr Hillman owned nearly 10.000 and his wife a little under 150,000. Bank and Commercial Holdings Ltd (B & C) held

over 13m of the shares—93 per cent.

On January 16, 1974. B & C issued a summons seeking a stay of the winding up, together with certain other relief relating to the liquidator's remuneration. On July 23 the registrar dismissed it and directed that the application for other relief should stand over generally. B & C gave notice of motion seeking to discharge the registrar's order but on October 14 they abandoned the motion.

Mr Hillman took out his own Mr Hillman took out his own summons, seeking a stay of the winding up and further orders in relation to the liquidator's remuneration. That summons came before the registrar on November 5. He dismissed the application for a stay merely by reference to his decision on B & C's application for a stay. Mr Hillman moved before his Lordship under his potice of motion, which simply sought that the registrar's order in his case "may be dis-Mr Hillman took out his own

charged", and also orders for costs. Miss Arden neither sup-ported nor opposed the motion but drew the court's attention to relevant matters both of law and of fact.

Section 307 of the Companies Act, 1948, provided: "(1) The liquidator or any contributory or treditor may apply to the court to determine any question arising in the winding up of a company, or to exercise, as respects the enforcing of calls or any other matter, all or any of the powers which the court might exercise if which the court might exercise if the company were being wound up by the court. (2) The court, if satisfied that the determination of the question or the required exercise of power will be just and beneficial, may accede wholly or partially to the application on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit or may make such other order on the application as it thinks just."

The court, thus, could exercise its powers to stay winding up under section 256 (as extended to a voluntary winding up) if "satisfied that the . required exercise of power will be just and beneficial", and might do so "on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit", or make such other order on the application "as it

Under section 256 itself the court "may . . . on proof to the satisfaction of the court that all satisfaction of the court that all proceedings in relation to the winding up ought to be stayed" order a stay "on such terms and conditions as the court thinks fit". Quite apart from any authority, the language seemed to make it clear that the jurisdiction was discretionary, and that it was on these with the start to make discretionary, and that it was on those who sought a stay to make out a sufficient case for it.

The effect of section 302, on the rights of members of the company, was considerable. Before the winding up each member had no right to be paid any sum in respect of his capital, but only the right to such dividends as the directors recommended and the company voted. Once there was a winding up each member became, instead, entitled to an aliquot share of the company's assets after all liabilities had been discharged.

The persons whose interests had

to be considered on an application for a stay must depend on the circumstances of each case, but where, as here, there was a strong probability that the company's assets would suffice to pay all the creditors and the expenses of the liquidation, and so leave a surplus for the members of the company, there were plainly three categories to consider. (1) Creditors. Their rights were finite in that they could not claim more than 100p in the £. In normal circumstances no objection to a stay could be made on behalf of the creditors if for each of them it was established for each of them it was established that either he had been paid in full or that satisfactory provision for him to be peid in full had been or would be made, or else that he consented to the stay, or was otherwise bound not to object to it. (2) The liquidator. (3) Members of the company. No question of satisfying them by immediate payment of all that they were entitled to could arise for their rights could not be quantified until the liquidation. tion was complete. Accordingly, in normal circumstances, no stay should be granted unless each member either consented to it, or was otherwise bound not to object to it, or else there was secured to him ing up proceeded to its conclusion. Each member had a right of a pro-prietary nature to share in the surplus assets, and each should be protected against the destruction of that right without good cause. The essence of the registrar's decision in the B & C case, and so presumably in the present, was that in the circumstances of the case any application for a stay ought to have been preceded by a scheme under section 206 so that all mem-

bers might have had an oppor-tunity of putting forward their Mr Hillman had put forward no firm acceptable proposals for discharging the claims of the remaining creditors or the liquidator's expenses, or for giving effect to the rights of any shareholders who did not wish the winding up to be traved.

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#### **Proof of driving necessary**

Regina v Richardson Before Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Ormrod and Mr Justice Park

An essential ingredient of the offence of failing to provide a laboratory test specimen after a road accident is that the person who fails was driving or attempting to drive the vehicle when the accident occurred if he deries ing to drive the vehicle when the accident occurred. If he denies that he was driving or attempting to drive the prosecution must prove that he was before he can be convicted of contravening section 9(3) of the Road Traffic Act, 1972. The rule applies also in relation to being in charge of the vehicle.

The Court of Appeal so hald

lation to being in charge of the vehicle.

The Court of Appeal so held when giving reasons for baving allowed an appeal by John Richardson, aged 39, of Bristol, from conviction at Bristol Crown Court (recorder: Mr David Owen Thomas, QC) of falling without reasonable excuse to provide a laboratory test specimen after being arrested under section 8(2). He had been fined f50 and disqualified for 12 months.

Section 8(2) provides: "If an accident occurs owing to the presence of a motor vehicle on a road . . . a constable in uniform may require any person who he has reasonable cause to believe was driving or attempting to drive the vehicle at the time of the accident to provide a specimen of breath for a breath rest." dent to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test..."
Section 8(5) provides that the constable may arrest such a person if he fails to provide the breath specimen and the constable has reasonable cause to suspect alcohol in the person's body. Under section 9(1) a person arrested under section 8 may be required to provide a laboratory test specimen after being given the opportunity to provide another breath test specimen, and section 9(3) provides: "A person who, without reserved. without reasonable extuse, falls to provide a specimen for a laboratory test in pursuance of a requirement imposed under this section shall be guilty of an offence."

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LORD JUSTICE JAMES said that a white Mercedes car collided with a parked vehicle and stopped in another street. The driver of another car who had heard the noise of the collision and followed the Mercedes saw the appellant get out of the front passenger side and walk away. He

son who had got out of the Mercedes.

The appellant made no answer to the questions of one officer who suspected alcohol in his body, told him that he was suspected of having been the driver of a vehicle when it was involved in an accident and of having alcohol in his body, and required him to provide a breath test specimen. The appellant did not provide the specimen, was arrested and taken to a police station, where he refused to provide specimens of breath and urine or blood.

On a motion to quash the inbreath and urine or blood.

On a motion to quash the indictment, which had been amended to omit as particulars that the appellant had been driving or attempting to drive when the accident occurred, the recorder ruled that the question whether the appellant was in fact driving was irrelevant to an offence under section 9(3), the issue being whether a police officer had reasonable cause to believe that the appellant was driving or

the appellant was driving or The defence was that time.

The defence was that a Mr
Lowther had been driving and, in
order to shield him, the appellant
had remained silent when questioned by the police. Mr Lowther
had disappeared. had disappeared.

The defence did not share the prosecution's view that a motorist's assertion that he was not ist's assertion that he was not driving (if the jury so found) could constitute a "reasonable excuse" and that issue was not left to the jury. They were clearly directed by the recorder that the question whether in fact the appellant was driving or attempting to drive was irrelevant and that the issue for their decision was whether the police officer had whether the police officer had reasonable cause to believe that reasonable cause to believe that
the appellant was driving at the
relevant time. On that basis conviction was almost inevitable.
After it the recorder himself decided that the appellant was
driving at the time of the accident,
and sentenced him accordingly.

Mr Royce's main argument on
appeal was that the recorder's
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jury the issue whether the appellant was driving at the time of the accident was wrong in law and that, in order to prove the offence under section 9(3) when lided with a parked vehicle and stopped in another street. The driver of another car who had heard the noise of the collision and followed the Mercedes saw the appellant get out of the front passenger side and walk away. He next saw the appellant in a doorway, spoke to police officers near by and identified him as the per-

not, in relation to the offence under section 9(3), require proof that the appellant was in fact under section 9(3), require proof that the appellant was in fact driving or attempting to drive.

His Lordship said that, in view of the ancestry of section 9(3) and the reference to the subsection in Part I of Schedule 4 to the 1972 Act, the subsection and scheduled reference had to be read together. The result was that the Act provided that the offence under section 9(3) was committed only by a person who was driving or attempting to drive at the relevant time—or, in any other case, by a person who was shown to be in charge of a motor vehicle.

A difficulty about Mr Cox's argument that a "reasonable excuse" was provided if the person accused was not driving or attempting to drive was the decision of Lord Justice Widgery in R v Downey ([1976] RTR 257, 259) that it could not be a reasonable excuse if there was statutory justification for making the requirement, irrespective of whether or not he had in fact been driving at that time.

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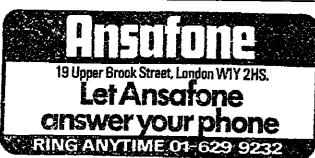
A distinction was to be drawn in the present case between (2) what had to be established in order to prove that a lawful requirement to prove that a lawful requirement was made to provide a laboratory test specimen and (b) what had to be proved to establish the offence of falling to provide such a specimen contrary to section 9(3).

The reasonable cause to believe that the appellant was driving or attempting to drive at the time of the accident was sufficient to support the first request for a breath specimen and, with the added reason to suspect alcohol in the body, the subsequent arrest and, if the correct procedure was followed, the final requirement of a laboratory test specimen. But,

a laboratory test specimen. But, when it came to proving the offence, the Crown had to prove, if it was challenged, that the appellant was in fact driving or attempting to drive at the time of the contract attempting to drive at the time of the accident.

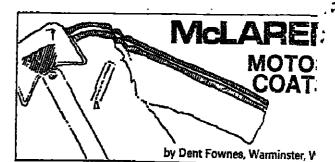
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No difficulty would be presented in the ordinary case, as evidence forming the basis. Of reasonable cause to believe that he was driving would, at least, give rise to the inference that he was in fact driving. driving.
The jury had been misdirected

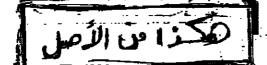


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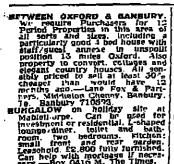
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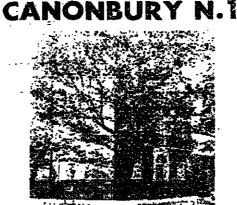
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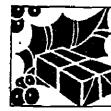
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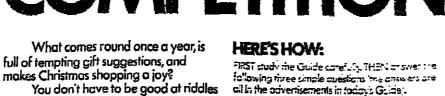
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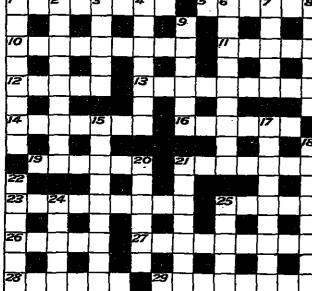
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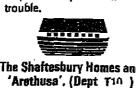
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